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## NEWS BRIEFS

### CBC opposes Roberts as chief justice

The Congressional Black Caucus this week said its members were opposed to the confirmation of Judge John Roberts Jr. to be chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The CBC said it was basing its opposition to Roberts because of his record and views on civil rights. The CBC said it encouraged the Senate to defeat the nomination.

The CBC said it had requested that Judge Roberts meet with representatives of the Black Caucus "to explore the CBC's concerns about his civil rights record and views," but Roberts and the White House rejected the request.

### Marion County gets \$2.9 million lead grant

U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar announced that \$2.9 million in federal funds have been awarded to the Health and Hospital Corp. of Marion County for a lead hazard elimination program. The grant was awarded by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control.

"The Health and Hospital Corp. of Marion County and Marion County Health Department (MCHD) are central to the efforts of eliminating lead poisoning," Lugar said. "I am encouraged by the scope of activity proposed and the focus on reducing lead hazard exposure to families. These projects will have a positive effect on the health of our children in the city/county area and would be an effective use of federal HUD funds."

Grant funds will be used for lead hazard control work, included cleaning, interim controls, and hazard abatement on targeted high-risk neighborhoods with people living in housing built before 1978. Case management services will be provided for children with elevated blood lead levels and grant funds can be used for the temporary relocation of families during hazard control activities.

### Secondhand Prose Booksale

The Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library's "Secondhand Prose Booksale" will expand outdoors as large quantities of audio and video materials as well as juvenile items will be sold at discount prices during the "Overflow Tent Sale" on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Oct. 2 from noon - 3 p.m. in the parking lot of the Library Services Center, 2450 N. Meridian St.

The tent sale will feature similar items found inside the Library Services Center during the Secondhand Prose Booksale from Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 and Oct. 7 and 8. Tent items will be regularly priced and include the library's overflow inventory of juvenile hardbacks (\$1), music CDs (\$1), books-on-tape (2 for \$1), and videos

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Left to right: Indiana Black Expo President Joyce Rogers, Gov. Mitch Daniels, Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, Colts owner Jim Irsay, NCAA President Myles Brand and Mayor Bart Peterson broke ground on a new stadium for the Indianapolis Colts. (Photo/W. Thomas)

## CITY BREAKS GROUND ON COLTS STADIUM

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON  
Staff Writer

The new stadium for the Indianapolis Colts is a \$500 million project that will catapult the team into a league of their own.

Officials broke ground this week on the new facility that will put into motion a three-year construction plan that will result in a venue not only for Colts football but NCAA championships and a plethora of conventions and events.

The stadium, temporarily called Indiana Stadium until a corporate sponsor purchases the rights of the name, is set to open its doors in the fall of 2008.

"(The groundbreaking) marks the beginning of a historic economic development project that will forever change the skyline of Indianapolis and dramatically bolster our economy," said Mayor Bart Peterson. "The new stadium

and convention center will be a catalyst for all kinds of business and industry in Indianapolis, and we stand ready to help the State Building Authority in any way to help move this project toward completion."

It's estimated that the new stadium and convention center expansion will bring \$2.25 billion to the economy, create more than 4,900 construction jobs and 4,200 permanent jobs over the next 10 years.

Still, Colts owner Jim Irsay says the challenges for the stadium are just beginning.

A few being finding a company to pay millions of dollars for the right to have its name displayed on the stadium, convince 63,000 people to buy tickets and nearly 150 suites.

"We have a very difficult road ahead of us," he said. "But it's one we think we'll be successful in."

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**The new Indianapolis Colts stadium is scheduled for conclusion in 2008. It will include:**

**63,000 seats.**

**7,100 club seats.**

**140-150 suites, including eight suits on field level.**

**Street team level store.**

**Two club lounge facilities at sideline locations.**

**60 concession stands.**

**10-12 passenger elevators.**

**10-13 escalators.**

**3,000 parking spaces.**

**Approximately 1,300 to 1,400 toilet fixtures.**

## Resolution adopted to prevent insurance discrimination against domestic violence victims

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON  
Staff Writer

Insurance discrimination is one of several obstacles that domestic violence victims face on the road to rebuilding their lives.

Insurance companies sometimes deprive survivors of the economic capacity to

leave an abusive relationship by denying them the means to obtain health care for themselves and their children and to provide for their families in case of injury, death or property damage, says the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence Against Women.

In Indiana, a bill has

been passed to prevent health insurance companies from discriminating against domestic violence victims for health, life and disability insurance, but now the Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) and Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) are working towards legisla-

tion to prevent automobile and property insurance discrimination.

"What we're saying is that insurance companies cannot underwrite or discriminate against victims of domestic violence by offering them higher premiums because they are victims of domestic violence or denying cover-

age," said Laura Berry Berman, executive director of ICADV.

When applying for insurance, individuals often sign a release to permit the insurer to obtain health information from medical records. Usually, such information reveals domestic violence history.

Though the Indiana De-

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## Contaminated soil in Martindale-Brightwood raises concern of residents



By TONYA WOODARD ELLIS  
Recorder Correspondent

Shirley Webster, president of Hillside Neighborhood Association, is a homeowner who has invested her time, money and talent in her home. In her neighborhood, which is on the near Eastside of Indianapolis, she has friends who have planted gardens and shared the crops of their labor with others.

Then she found out that the land that she has lived on for most of her 67 years is contaminated and poses a serious health threat to the residents in that community.

Webster and 249 other residents from the Martindale-Brightwood area have been approached by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to sign an

access agreement and have their land tested for lead contamination.

Individuals who live in the area surrounding the site of the former American Lead facility are facing this problem. The area of concern is 23rd Street to the north, Tallman Avenue to the southeast, 19th Street to the south and Arsenal Avenue or Sheldon Street to the west.

The EPA has been working with the Marion County Health Department and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to inform residents of the possible health risks caused by lead-contaminated soil.

While American Lead has closed its business, it was sold to National Lead, which has taken responsibility for testing and cleaning up the area impacted. National Lead has

hired Advanced GeoServices Corp. as the contractor for this project.

According to Ken Rhame, EPA on-scene coordinator, "We began testing and cleaning up the land in August of this year. We anticipated completing the project in July of 2006."

Representatives from the EPA have been going from door to door to discuss the problem with neighbors. EPA held an initial meeting in May of this year at Oasis of Hope Baptist Church to inform residents about the problem and offer solutions to cleaning up the area.

According to Pam Thevenow, administrator for the Department of Water Quality and Hazardous Materials Management for the Marion County Health Department, residents in the area were

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## INDY WORKS

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lysts agree the budget problem has manifested because tax collection has not kept up with the growth of the city).

But the Indiana General Assembly passed only a part, or two-fifths of the Indy Works plan, including Peterson's provision of a consolidated city-county budget and consolidation of the police departments pending approval from the City-County Council.

City officials claim that over \$28 million cuts have had to be made as result of the Legislature's refusal to pass the entire plan.

Indianapolis has limited home rule in the area of government reform, and must seek state approval before making major structural overhauls.

Indy Works also has to receive a seal of approval from the City-County Council where despite a 15-14 Democratic majority (Peterson is a Democrat), passage is no guarantee.

Steve Talley, president of the council, said that although many councilors have reacted favorably to Indy Works, the proposal still has to be sold to both caucuses.

"Once the councilors begin to understand what it does and what will happen if it's not adopted, I believe we will get a majority for it, probably all of the Democrats and a considerable number of

Republicans," said Talley.

Some local officials have expressed concern about some aspects of Indy Works, including Sheriff Frank Anderson. Although the consolidated police force would be under his leadership, Anderson would be required to answer to an oversight commission.

"Law enforcement consolidation must be the will of the people," said Anderson. "If an informed electorate embraces consolidation it will work. On the other hand, consolidation based on sheer political strength will not work."

As far as the General Assembly is concerned Rep. Phil Hinkle, R-Indianapolis, chairman of the Indiana House committee on local government, said that he doesn't expect the outcome of Peterson's efforts to be much different this time around.

"If you do what you've always done you'll get what you've always got. And that's definitely what this amounts to, in my humble opinion," said Hinkle. "The reason why Indy Works doesn't work is because there are no spending cuts. If we are going to address the fiscal, there are going to have to be cuts or find a way to increase revenue."

Hinkle said the concept of Indy Works is a good one because it

deals with an issue that must be addressed, but called the actual plan is "irresponsible". He said it has already been proven that Indy Works won't really save the city \$35 million, and consultants hired by the city council have shown that at best, only \$3.9 million will be saved through police consolidation.

In addition Hinkle stated that the success of getting full support of Indy Works has been hampered because the mayor's office has left important questions unanswered, such as the arrangements for a new county police headquarters, and has run government "by intimidation rather than communication."

"The mayor has not brought anyone to the table... Indy Works has been formed in a vacuum and you don't do that in government," said Hinkle. "You cannot do this kind of change in a vacuum. You got to bring people to the table. And when you don't and questions are asked you've got to answer the questions. If the mayor is serious about wanting this he'll sit down with others and say 'okay, what is it going to take for us to move down the road for a better Indianapolis. And until that happens, it won't happen."

## SOIL

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given an access agreement by the EPA. "I encourage everyone to sign this agreement, which allows the EPA to come onto the property and take samples of the soil." Contractors will dig approximately from zero to six inches into the ground to sample the soil. The EPA is looking for a ratio at or higher than 400 milligrams of lead per kilogram of soil (400 parts per million).

According to Mick Hans, spokesperson for the EPA, levels at this ratio or higher indicate contamination and pose a serious health risk to the residents. If the yard tested shows an unsafe level of lead, contractors will meet with the owner and discuss options for removal. According to Thevenow, contractors will dig up 12 inches of the soils. However, if the lead is found deeper than a foot, the contractors will dig up to 24 inches.

"This usually will occur in areas where there is a playground or garden," said Thevenow. The contaminated soil and vegetation will be replaced with new soil and vegetation.

American Lead operated the property from 1946 to 1965. National Lead purchased American Lead in 1965. It was during this time that American Lead owned the property that lead was released onto the ground and may have possibly affected the surrounding areas. In the mid-1960s, the main manufacturing building caught fire and burnt down.

In 1971 National Lead removed several buildings and lead contamination from the property. However, the area was never fully cleaned. The site was vacant until Central Concrete Co. purchased it in 1985. It was then sold to Irving Materials Inc. in 1990. "We did some initial testing in the mid-1990s," said Thevenow. "The results were sent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)." In 1995 the IDEM provided an expanded site investigation, which showed elevated levels of lead in the soils. As a result, the Marion County Health Department became involved and conducted voluntary lead screenings of residents in the area.

As early as 1996 IDEM requested National Lead to conduct its own investigation of the property. In 1998 IDEM and National Lead arrived at an agreement for National Lead to conduct further testing and present results. In 1999 National Lead had contractors collect soil samples of the area. As late as 2001 IDEM approved National Lead's site investigation.

However, plans were abandoned when American Lead refused to sign a proposed plan for clean up. IDEM then eventually turned over the plan to the United States EPA in approximately 2003. EPA has since ordered National Lead to clean up the contaminated site.

"EPA felt that it was urgent enough that National Lead had to do something," said Rhame. "The level of lead contamination was high enough that we were seeing concentrations throughout the neighborhood and this could pose a serious health risk to residents in the neighborhood," he said.

While there has been investigation from the local, state and national level, it has been met with concern from local residents in the Martindale-Brightwood area. "I know that this has been an ongoing problem for at least 20 years," said Webster. "There have been attempts to get interest about American Lead for some time," she said.

"We have been compiling informa-

tion about the contaminants affecting this area. It's not just lead we are concerned with." According to Webster, neighbors are concerned with other contaminants in the soil besides lead. She doesn't feel officials have been forward with providing residents in the area adequate information. "It has taken awhile to find out that there was an agreement reached with National Lead." This issue has gotten bigger than just us. "I'm concerned with the illnesses that have affected people in this area. My mom died from pancreatic cancer. Other neighbors have died from cancer. We are concerned with hyperactivity in children. We think that this should have been a concern a long time ago."

"We are encouraging residents if they have concerns about lead poisoning to visit our clinic and have a blood lead test," said Thevenow. "The response to blood lead testing has not been overwhelming. More adults are tested than children and we are really concerned about children. Children under 6 are at higher risk for lead poisoning because their bodies can absorb lead easier."

Marion County Health Department offers a free clinic every Thursday from noon to 4 p.m. for the public. The clinic is located at 3838 N. Rural St.

According to Webster residents are also concerned about the boundaries that were drawn for the clean up. "I believe that the contamination extends further than the boundaries set." The decision to draw the boundaries was based on collected data.

"This is the area that we could attribute to the plant," said Rhame. "The EPA based this decision on air modeling, sampling, meteorological data and cleanups that occurred in the past from similar sites around this Region 5, (includes a six state area designated by the EPA Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota)."

"With the data presented I feel confident that we can scientifically prove that National Lead is responsible for cleaning up the boundaries that were set. However, if there are concerns from residents beyond the designated boundaries, I want then to call the Marion County Health Department or the IDEM and voice their concern. If it is not looked at then call the EPA and we will handle the request case by case," he said.

If residents within the Martindale-Brightwood designated boundaries have concerns or questions about the lead removal from their yard call Joe Munoz, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator at 1-800-621-8431 ext. 67935. According to Rhame, there is a work site mailbox located at 21st Street and Ralston Avenue where written questions and concern can be taken.

Regular informational meetings about the lead clean up of Martindale-Brightwood site are scheduled at Martin University. Next meeting is scheduled on Monday, Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Martin University Gathertorium, 2171 Avondale Place.

### Signs of lead poisoning

**Stomach ache and cramps**  
**Irritability • Fatigue**  
**Constipation**  
**Headache • Sleep disorders**  
**Poor appetite**  
**Frequent vomiting**  
**High blood pressure in adults**  
**High levels of lead poisoning can cause coma, convulsions and death**

## STADIUM

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The Indiana Stadium and Convention Center Building Authority (ISCBA) will oversee the construction of the new stadium, which will be positioned south of the RCA Dome.

Along with the 63,000 seats and 150 suites, the stadium will also include a retractable roof, street level team store, two level club lounge facilities at sideline locations and 60 concession stands.

It has taken four years for the official groundbreaking to take place. It first started when the city and Colts began talks about renewing the team's contract.

At a Colts game this past December, Irsay and Peterson announced that the two sides had reached an agreement to keep the team in the city for the next 30 years.

Then the talk of a new stadium came and Peterson had to find a way to pay for it.

After Mitch Daniels was sworn in as governor in January, he and the state Legislature got involved and formed a state board that would oversee construction.

Nine months later the deal is done.

Of all the groundbreaking ceremonies Peterson's attended and taken part in, he says the Colts groundbreaking was the most difficult to get to.

"But, it was worth it," he said to nearly 500 people in attendance.

For African Americans, the new stadium and expanded convention center is especially rewarding since the Indiana Black Expo (IBE) Summer Celebration and Circle City Classic take place in both venues.

IBE President and CEO Joyce Rogers was among six who received a chrome plated shovel to dig into the dirt.

NCAA President Myles Brand was also on hand representing collegiate sports. The new stadium will be complete when the NCAA hosts the men's basketball Final Four in 2011.

The biggest reward, Irsay hopes will come in the form of a Super Bowl.

He says he hopes the new stadium will host football's largest event between 2010 and 2015.

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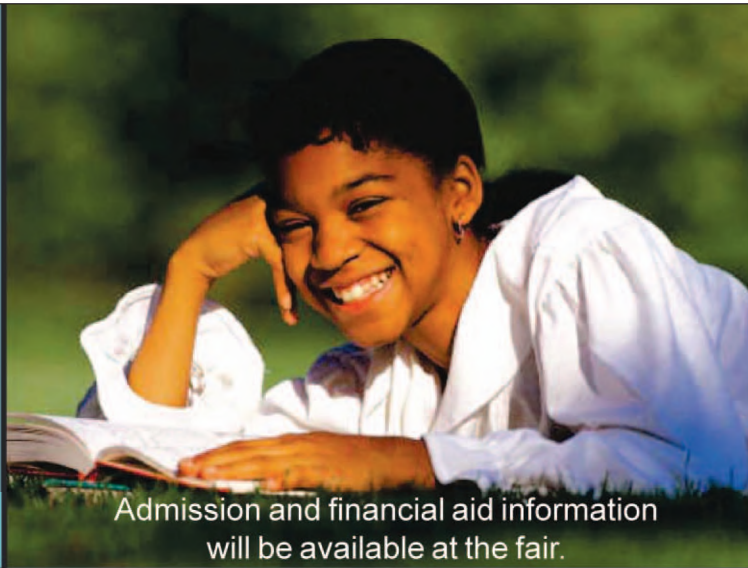
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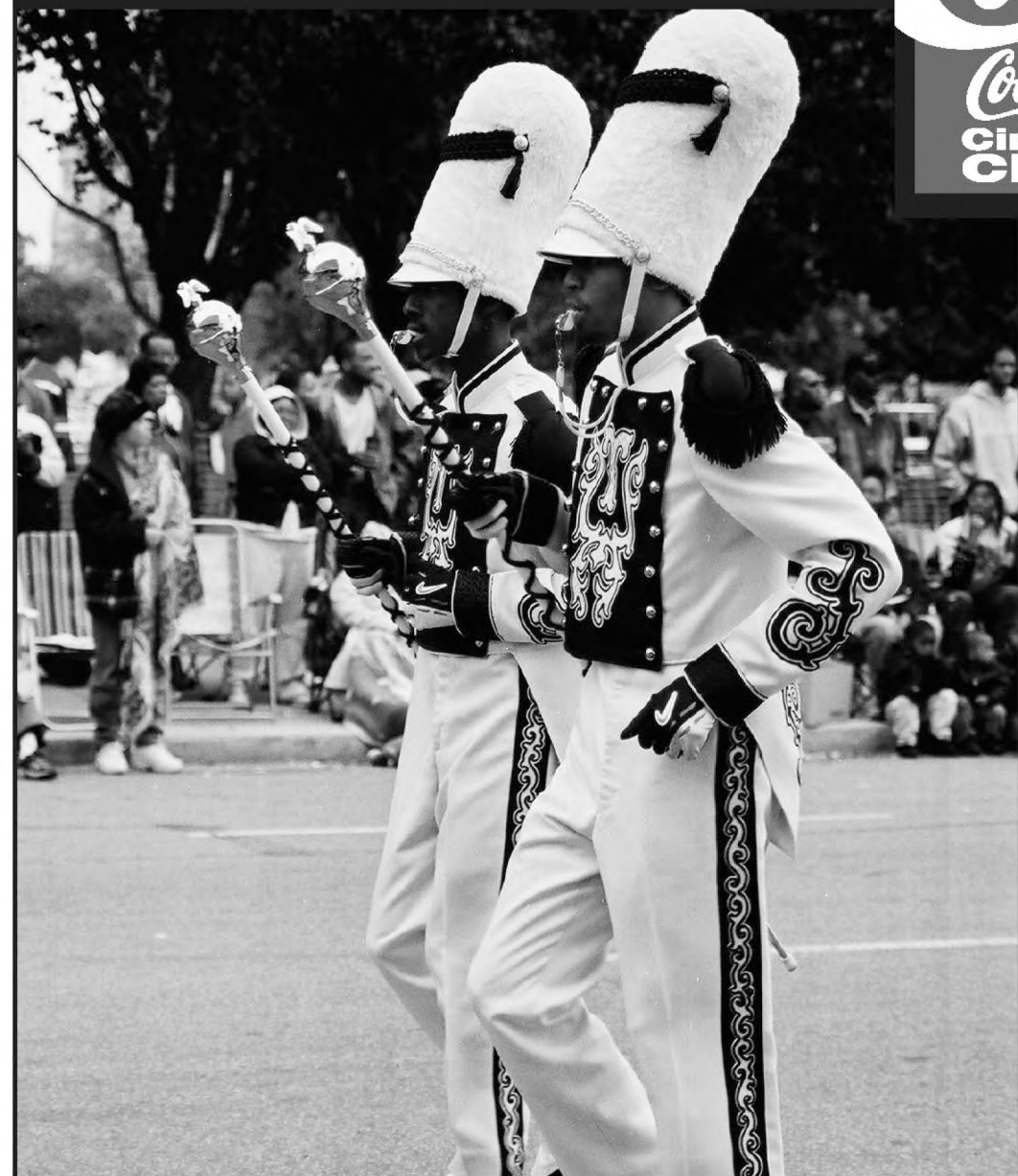
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## Children to paint trash containers

Children in the Watson-McCord neighborhood and Indianapolis Public School 48 have their own take on solving the community's litter problem – you can't stuff it where you can't see it. On Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the children will

do their part to make trash-cans more visible by painting 20 of them with brightly colored images before distributing them throughout the neighborhood. The young garbage can artists will be supervised by Scott VanKirk, a local artist and member of the Watson-McCord Neighborhood Association.

## Free culinary job training program

Second Helpings Inc., a

food rescue, job training and hunger relief agency is accepting applications for its free, 10-week culinary job training program for adults. The program meets five days a week for 10 weeks. After completing the program, 75 percent of the graduates can expect to find full-time culinary work. To apply before the Sept. 28 deadline for the program, call (317) 632-2664 or visit the Web site at [www.secondhelpings.org](http://www.secondhelpings.org).

## Andy Jacobs to speak at Indiana Peace Rally

Progressive Indiana Inc. said former Indiana Congressman Andy Jacobs Jr. will start the Indiana Peace Rally with a speech beginning at noon Sept. 24 at Monument Circle. Citizens from across the state will peacefully converge on Monument Circle to demand an end to the occupation of Iraq

and Afghanistan, demand justice and accountability, celebrate peace, and call for an end to violence, threats and armed conflicts across the globe. The Indiana Peace Rally will take place in conjunction with the national March on Washington as well as other peace and justice rallies across the United States and worldwide.

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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partment of Insurance has not received any complaints, members of the ISMA Family Violence Committee want to prevent the discrimination from taking place. In a resolution, which has been adopted, the physicians are asking ISMA to support legislation that would prohibit insurance companies from using information to refuse to issue or renew coverage, restrict or terminate coverage, add a surcharge or rating factor to insurance policy premiums and exclude or limit losses for claims related to abuse.

“About one-quarter of insurance companies use a history of domestic violence as an underwriting criterion in determining to issue or renew insurance policies,” said Dr. Michael Sha, chair of the committee. “The healing process includes helping victims to get away and establish a new home. Domestic violence victims don’t need more obstacles in reconstructing their lives.” States including Florida, Maine, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Illinois, New York and Washington have comprehensive laws against insurance companies denying coverage for victims. Though Indiana protects against health insurance discrimination, Berry Berman hopes with the help of Sen. Tim Lanane, D-Anderson, who is drafting a bill to put forth during the upcoming session of the General Assembly.

“The resolution is one more entity that supports the legislation that we are going to put forward,” she said. “It will allow representatives and senators to lend their support of our efforts because we have the Indiana State Medical Association Family Violence Committee on our side.”



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## EDUCATION DOES MATTER

# It's ISTEP time again and debate over its value goes on

By LEROY ROBINSON

I have received some feedback and concerns as to why I did not use a few weeks of my column space to address ISTEP and offer some advice to those families who are preparing to take the annual statewide test.

Each school year, I spend a great deal of time giving suggestions and providing tips to parents, students, and teachers on how they can help our children improve their ISTEP scores. All school districts throughout the state spend a great amount of time preparing their students for the annual exam and providing their families with the much-needed information.

Simply put, it seems that standardized testing is driving the education curriculum and although so much emphasis is being placed on this type of testing, there doesn't seem to be much progress being made.

When the scores are released in the early spring, the results will be about the same as they have been over the last few years. There will be slight gains, less than 5 percent in a few areas. A few schools will see some slight improvement in either the math or language arts scores.

Two or three schools will surprise everyone and improve the scores of their minority children who are on free and reduced lunch. And of course, African-American students will still lag greatly behind their Hispanic, white, and Asian counterparts, respectively.

All of the gains made in each of the schools and in each of the subject areas will be slight... very slight. I personally have a difficult time applauding and congratulating a school's 8th grade math scores, when they go from 38 percent passing, to a 42 percent pass rate. According to all nationwide grading scales, even the improved score still registers as an "F."

Using data information from ISTEP-Plus, Indiana University's Center for Evaluation and Education Policy just released a study that found, "by the end of 8th grade, poor and minority students fall behind their peers by three grade levels." The center also found that there were "small gains for most student groups, but the gap between poor and minority children and their counterparts remains significant."

Further more, I feel that the exam is given at the wrong time of the school year. Students should not be tested to this degree over items that were covered the previous school year.

To mandate that special needs or special education students should fulfill the same testing requirements as general education students is ridiculous at best.

To give all students the same test, with the varied learning styles and manner in which information is taught, one type of test could not possibly capture the many ways in which students learn and process information.

Although we test the same students each year, the achievement gap is growing no closer and poor and minority students are still underachieving as a rule, not as an exception.

Multi-million dollar corporations still reap the larger (financial) rewards from the creation and grading of the exams and now even teachers and administrators are feeling the pressure, as speculation of them cheating has come into the public spotlight.

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) recently stated that, in conjunction with the Indiana Professional Standards Board, teachers who help their students cheat on their federally mandated tests could lose their teaching license, thus losing their job as a professional educator.

The pressure to perform comes from the fact that if schools do not show annual yearly progress and meet their "AYP" goals, they could lose federal dollars that are earmarked for the lowest performing students.

As the statewide tests come to an end, Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels is also having trouble with the testing procedures. The governor feels that the "crucial exam" should be given near the end of the school year, instead of in September, noting that the test was moved from the spring to the fall in the mid-1990s.

However, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Suellen Reed disagrees, saying that students should get the test results back "when students are with the teacher who gave them the test" and when "remediation can take place during the school year."

While the California-based company, CTB McGraw-Hill nets more than \$30 million each year from the state of Indiana to provide the test, Terry Spradlin, who directs the Center for Evaluation & Education Policy at Indiana University, makes this point: "The bigger issue is how the state will address the continuing achievement gap between the haves and the have-nots - students who lack family support and a school with adequate resources compared with students who lack those assets."

Until the state can figure out a way to educate the masses of its public school students and provide substantial support and rationale for administering the ISTEP exam in the manner in which it does, very little space will be dedicated to the preparation of an exam that consistently places the masses of special needs, low-income, and minority students at the

bottom of its statistical mess.

Also, I and many others would be in great support of spreading that hefty \$30 million price tag throughout the state to the cash strapped public school districts and scrap the federally mandated test all together.

For lectures, panel discussions, or education workshops, contact me at: [educationdoesmatter@hotmail.com](mailto:educationdoesmatter@hotmail.com) or write: 9701 E. 63rd St., Indianapolis, IN. 46236. For questions or comments, call (317) 502-0272.

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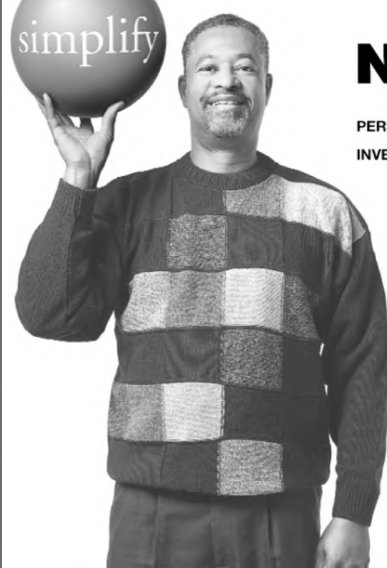
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# Getting to know JAWS interns



Simone Walls and Christopher D. Jones

## Simone Walls does liturgical dance at her church

By Christopher D. Jones  
Broad Ripple High  
Recorder Intern

Simone Walls is a 16-year-old junior that attends Ben Davis High School. She lives in a single parent home with her mom. Walls has siblings but they are all in their 20s. At school, Walls is a part of the track team. She runs the 100 and the 4 by 1. She also participates in the Wayne Township Success Team. To her, school is every enjoyable. Walls says, "School is interesting, it is a place where you can excel a lot." In her free time away from schoolwork, Walls is known as "The Lady." She likes to write a lot and she also enjoys dancing and listening to music. She also sings and does liturgical dance at her church.

Her other loves include sleeping and eating. "I love to eat, it's a wonderful thing!" says Walls. Walls enjoys R&B music followed by hip-hop and rap. Her favorite artists include Lauryn Hill, Donnell Jones and Jon B among others. Walls is in a committed relationship with her boyfriend. She describes him as multiple. She says, "He's loving, considerate, sweet, and outgoing...just like me!" After her junior year in high school, Walls plans to graduate in the winter of 2006 and then attend college. She is a part of the 21st Century Scholar program and with this she must attend a public school in the state of Indiana. If not, she will try to attend a HBCU (Historical Black College or University).

## D.J. Jones wants to attend Notre Dame

By Simone Walls  
Ben Davis High School  
Recorder Intern

Christopher D. Jones, better known plainly as "D.J." is a 6 foot, 11 inch 17-year-old teen-aged brother. Living in Indianapolis his entire life, he's a part of this

fast growing city. Currently a senior at Broad Ripple High School, Jones is ecstatic about his last year in school. He's been within the city's public school system since he can remember, and really is a unique person. In his spare time, he enjoys

skateboarding, writing and drawing. His hobbies also include playing the drums in the drums at Broad Ripple. After graduating, Jones plans to attend Notre Dame where he will major in something involving music, and minor in either art history or computer graphics.

## Shantel Whitworth writes poetry in her free time

By Dorian Howard  
Lawrence North High School  
Recorder Intern

So you want to know who Shantel Whitworth is? Born Oct. 29, 1989 she is a sophomore at Ben Davis High School where she has a passion for her work as well as her activities. She is involved with a lot of school activities including the Wayne Success Program, Ben Davis Drill Team, and is also a Philosopher Club member. Whitworth has a lot of interests. She enjoys dancing, reading, writing poetry, and singing. She sings and dances for her church, Friendship Baptist Church. She likes to listen to R&B, rap, and

gospel music. She also likes to go dancing with her friends and writing poetry in her spare time. "I idolize my pastor because I admire his passion for people. He doesn't just preach to be preaching, but he actually gives a message," Whitworth said when asked who she idolized while growing up. Whitworth is a very hard working teen-ager who has major goals for herself in the future. She wants to be a defensive forensic and plans to attend Spelman College to succeed in her goals. Since Whitworth has major goals for herself, she also feels that her significant other must have the same.

"He has to be smart, cute, have a nice personality, and independent," she said. "No one wants a man with the looks and not the brains." The main problem Whitworth feels that we are having today is that there isn't enough love in the world. "We all need to just get along and love one another." She also has a problem with teens having babies. "I think it is so sad that babies are having babies." Although Shantel is very shy, if you sit down and get to know her, you will find out that she is really a very outgoing and fun person to be around.



Shantel Whitworth and Dorian Howard

## Dorian Howard looks at career in law

By Shantel Whitworth  
Ben Davis High School  
Recorder Intern

The lady loves dancing and wants to be a lawyer. Who is she? Well if you don't know it's time to find out! Her name is Dorian Howard. Howard was born on Jan. 9, 1990, in Indianapolis, where she still resides today. Attending Lawrence North High School, she

makes a great effort to get her education while maintaining the AB Honor Roll. Even though the colors of her school are green and red, her favorite color is purple. Along with education comes a career and like many she has hopes and dreams. When asked where she saw herself in 10 years Dorian replied that she wanted to be a "successful lawyer."

Being the typical teen she is, Howard always finds a way to endure in her various interests. She just loves dancing. Dorian has danced with the Boom Babies, in the Circle City Classic Parade, and during Indiana Black Expo. Literature plays a very important role in her life as well. Dorian says, "There's nothing better than a great book." She also enjoys her music. Her favorite music

artist is the infamous Lil' Wayne. Though Lil' Wayne is her favorite artist, her favorite song happens to be "Like That" by Lil' Webbie. As far as TV entertainment, her favorite movie is "Austin Powers." She said that it was so funny, that you could laugh for days after the previews.

## Getting to know Alyse

By Kree Thompson  
Lawrence North High School  
Recorder Intern

Seniors in the house! Alyse Robinson is excited that it's her last year at Broad Ripple High School. The 17-year-old has four brothers and two sisters. She likes the advantages of being a middle child. "I like being the middle child because I am kind of like the mediator," she explained. "I am the one that they look up to and who influences them." Robinson likes all types of music except for techno. She prefers to listen to hip-hop and R&B. "I just don't connect with the techno music very well," she said. "My favorite rap artists are 50 cent and 2pac. My favorite artist living for R&B music would have to be Jill Scott and my favorite dead artist is Aaliyah. I idolized her because everybody liked her. She is also very pretty. That is the kind of person

that I would like people to see me as." After high school, Robinson plans to further her education by going to college. She wants to go to IUPUI, Florida A&M, or a college or university in Georgia. She wants to major in design and drafting, telecommunications, broadcasting or journalism. Although Robinson is working very hard trying to complete her senior year, she still leaves time for fun. "I like to cook, sew, sing, read, and do hair and nails," she said. Robinson is also involved in several school activities including being on the swim team. After graduating from college she would like to attend grad school, get married and have at least two children. Some personal things about her that no one really knows about her are that she is scared of clowns and spiders. She is also very

emotional, but you can't tell because she doesn't show it. Her favorite place to go is Chicago because there is so much to do there and it's so much fun. Her favorite movie is "Moulin Rouge." Her favorite color is black. "It goes with anything and it can lead to endless possibilities," Robinson said.



Alyse Robinson and Kree Thompson

## Kree Thompson 'believes in living life to the fullest'

By Alyse Robinson  
Broad Ripple High School  
Recorder Intern

Being a teen-ager in times such as these, Kree Thompson is a 15-year-old who knows what she wants. Thompson attends Lawrence North High School and enjoys R&B and hip-hop music.

While wanting to major in law or become a sports agent, she wants to attend Spelman College or Tennessee State University. When asked what she could not live without she stated "God and my phone." When asked what she had to do on a daily basis she said, "I have to read." Two of her favorite books include *The Boy Called It* and *My Brothers Keeper*. This teen-ager knows what she likes. Some of her favorite performers include Bow Wow, Omarion, T.I, and Young Jeezy. She also enjoys going to parties, sleeping and talking on the phone. Thompson is from a large family and is the middle child in her household. She enjoys her life though she feels it is hard to be the middle child. "Sometimes I feel like I'm stuck in the middle, but you don't have as much responsibility as the older kid." And speaking of family, her hero is her grandmother. "She was a hard working parent,"

she said. A few facts about Thompson are she is shy and athletic. Her favorite color is blue. "It's a positive color," she said. Her favorite movie is "Love and Basketball" and her favorite place to visit is Florida. Thompson like to wear is hip-hop clothing and her favorite sport is basketball. There are only a few things Thompson doesn't like, liars, fake acting people and she doesn't agree with President George W. Bush. "Just because I can't vote doesn't mean I can't have an opinion," she said. In 10 years Thompson can picture herself in graduate school. She plans on working hard and being independent. She doesn't plan on getting married, but does want children. And if she does marry she says it won't be until she turns 30. "I'm a cool person," she said about herself. "I'm silly and enjoy people. I believe in living life to the fullest."



# Stephen Robinson has a mysterious, laid back personality

**By Cristen Moore**  
**Bishop Chatard**  
**Recorder Intern**

"I'm the author of a book, yeah a genius wrote it. There's a message in my words you gotta decode it."

To most, these may just be words to a regular rap song, but to Stephen Robinson Jr., these words are poetry to his soul from his favorite rap artist, Young Jeezy.

Yes, these words are from Young Jeezy, but he's not the biggest influence in Robinson's life. Who is his biggest influence? Ask him but he'll answer you

without hesitation.

"My father, he's the perfect example of a real man," he said.

Born on the 4th day of the 1st month, Robinson is his parents' second and final son. He has an older brother Leon, but you will not find Robinson living in his shadow.

"I'm my own person," he said. "I can only be me."

Robinson is a junior at Broad Ripple High School and although he does not bleed black and orange he is still proud to be a Rocket.

Robinson's laid back, mysterious personality

is apparent in his style. You can usually find him sporting jeans with a long white or black tee, with the newest, freshest kicks and his hat tilted slightly to the side.

There is so much more to Robinson though than just what you see, the problem is getting him to show you.

"No one can figure me out," Robinson often says with a mischievous smile.

Well, what exactly is there to find out?

Robinson writes a little bit of poetry.

"It's a way for me to let my thoughts out."

Not only does he understand the power of words, but he is educated and knows where he stands and what he believes.

"I do not like (President) Bush, I feel like he is just for the rich," he said.

Robinson is also about getting his. Any given weekend you will find him at his post working at the Georgetown movie theater. Recently he bought his own car with hard-earned cash.

As for what he looks for in a female, "I'm not looking to have a girl right now," he said. "But when I do she has to be intelligent,

independent, have a body and most of all she's got to be real."

Robinson is preparing for his future. He has plans to become a professional car engineer and he is considering attending the historical Black college, Tennessee State. He hopes to be married by the age of 27 with two kids.

Lastly, Robinson emphasized the important role that prayer plays in his life.

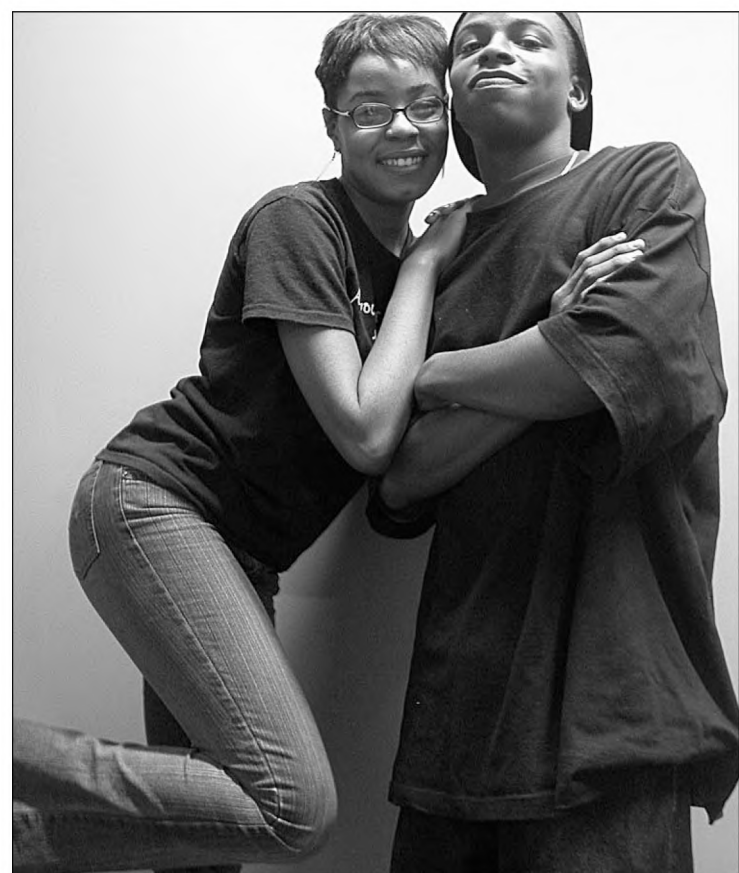
"You can always find me praying about a situation," he said.

This 16-year-old man has made it clear that he is

truly the author of his own book and at times you really do have to decode his words to figure him out.

From his poetry to his mysterious, laid back personality to his hard work ethic, you can be sure that Robinson is handling his business.

There are a lot of unwritten chapters in Robinson's book, but you can be sure that when the book is complete it will truly be the work of a genius that got his.



Cristen Moore and Stephen Robinson

## God an important part of Cristen Moore's life

**By Stephen Robinson**  
**Broad Ripple High School**  
**Recorder Intern**

The person I interviewed was Cristen Moore. Moore was born in Kokomo, Ind., on Dec. 7, 1987. She has an older brother and sister.

Moore's favorite snack is Flintstone Push-Ups. Her favorite food is steak. She has a job called Promoters Advertising.

Moore's favorite movie is "Love & Basketball."

"Love & Basketball" is my favorite movie because to me it's the average girl's dream to fall in love with the boy next door." She also reads poetry when not watching movies. Her favorite quote is by Maya Angelou. "What I'm interested in is survival, but not bare, awful, plodding, survival, but survival with style

and grace."

Her favorite artist is B2K, and T.I. Her favorite basketball player is Allen Iverson because he's so real, and true to himself.

Moore is the girly type but not all the time.

"Pink is my color," she says.

Moore doesn't consider herself materialistic, but "if the item is cute then I will buy it."

She currently doesn't have a boyfriend, but when she does, she says, "he has to be funny, secure with himself, has to respect his mother, be a gentlemen, and finally the relationship has to be a 50/50 split."

She is a senior at Chatard High School. Moore likes to go to her school's games. "I bleed blue and white; I'm really into my school." Moore is currently in Promise to Keep, Retreat Team, and National Honor Society.

"I want to go to Howard University

or Hampton College because they are both Black schools where you can get a good education and enjoy the Black culture."

Moore maybe wants to be a lawyer when she gets older.

"I'm not sure I want to be a lawyer because I don't want to defend somebody I know is wrong. I do want to be a lawyer because I want to be able to help somebody."

Moore wants to be in a sorority in college. "I want to be an A.K.A. because a lot of people in my life have been A.K.A. They taught me to be independent, classy and a lady."

Moore has plans after college. "I plan to get married by 27 and have four kids."

Finally Moore tells the biggest thing in her life. "God is a big factor in my life. I've been raised as a preacher's daughter; it's just a part of who I am."

## Oreanna Crain considers health career

**By Auguste Thompson**  
**Arlington High School**  
**Recorder Intern**

Down to earth and easygoing, Oreanna Crain is a laid back kind of girl.

The Tech High School junior is a true to heart Gemini.

Crain was born on May 30, 1989, to Darryl Crain and Margarette Young. Her only sibling is a brother, Durell Crain, who is five years older than her.

While she desires to follow in her grandmother's footsteps in cosmetology, her true desire lies within the medical field. She is currently enrolled in a health-magnet program at Tech High School. Crain is undecided on whether to pursue a career in dentistry or become a neo-natal nurse. She likes babies and feels she has the patience to be suc-

cessful in this career.

Crain is a spontaneous teenager whose hobbies include watching action movies and talking on the phone. She listens to rap, R&B and gospel. She also likes to get out and is constantly broadening her horizons and trying new things. She hopes to someday travel the world.

She is an alumnus of the Center for Leadership Development (CLD) program and has many other titles under her belt. Currently Oreanna is her class historian. Her duties include updating her junior class Web site.

A volleyball player for the last five years, this is the first year Crain decided not to play, deciding rather to focus on her schoolwork.

She speaks of the game with fond feelings, "Once you're there (at the game) you feel the vibe

and even though the coach offered me a spot on the team, I'd rather concentrate on my schoolwork this year," she said.

Crain is the only girl in an array of male relatives. When asked what it was like to have an older male sibling, she said, "It's good at times, but sometimes people forget we're two totally different individuals."

She describes her personal style as plain at times and relaxed. She is well put together and tends to stray away from the "prissy" style of dress. Instead she prefers for the dress to complement her personality.

Crain is a young lady with many facets. She is dedicated to whatever she sets out to accomplish.

In the future you may find her among the stars.



Auguste Thompson and Oreanna

## Family is important to Auguste Thompson

**By Oreanna Crain**  
**Arsenal Technical High School**  
**Recorder Intern**

On May 9, 1988, a baby girl by the name of Auguste Thompson was delivered. Born to Melissa and Clarence Thompson she has four siblings, two brothers and two sisters. Thompson continues to be encouraged by her older sisters, Ariel and Ashley.

"They help me out in situations and encourage me to get to where I need to go," she said.

"My older brother and I relate to each other, we are basically the same person. We both enjoy working out." Some people have annoying younger siblings that they wish they could make disappear. However, in Thompson's case it's completely different. "Ethan-McDaniel is the

coolest little brother anyone could have," she said. "He is unique and fearless."

Family is very important to Thompson. She enjoys the fun they have and conversations they carry. The con of having a large family is the independence that comes along with it, she says. Thompson is an active senior at Arlington High School. She is in the College Prep Accelerated Magnet and

is involved with Student Council.

"The (College Prep Accelerated Magnet) program prepares students for college. They really care about the students' future," she said.

Thompson is also active outside of school. She is a Center for Leadership Development alumnus (CLD) and plans to continue in the programs it provides.

CLD is a program with

a goal of "Empowering youth and strengthening the community." Its principles for success include character development, educational excellence, leadership effectiveness, community service, and career achievement.

One of her most memorable memories from her childhood, so far, is her internship with United Water. "It was a great experience," she recalls.

In the future she would like to go to a college in Chicago. The school that grabs her attention is the performing arts school.

"I'm interested in the whole aspect of producing movies and graphic design," Thompson says.

Thompson is a laid back teen-ager. She is easy to get along with and enjoys having fun. She allows her appearance to express her as an individual.

## JAWS editor's mother had profound effect on her

**By Simone' Walls**  
**Ben Davis High School**  
**Recorder Intern**

Indianapolis native, Shannon Williams, grew up within a single-parent home.

Having an older brother and sister, Williams says she looked up to her mother.

"She provided me with a good lifestyle. She was classy; the

mom all the kids in the neighborhood wanted," she said.

Growing up on the Eastside, Williams says wasn't the fanciest, but she and her family maintained their home.

Williams is a product of the Indianapolis Public Schools system.

"IPS is a good school system," she said. "It's not less than nor inferior to private or township

schools."

After graduating from Broad Ripple High School in 1995, she attended Jackson State University in Mississippi where she majored in mass communications and double-minored in English and marketing. She graduated in 2000.

When her mother passed in October of 2002 of heart failure, Williams says, "To this day,

it has had a very big effect on me. I felt as if there was a hole in my chest." Trying to cope with her mother's death, Williams became engrossed with work. "It didn't work, but I did stay busy."

Currently, Williams works as the editor at The Indianapolis Recorder on the Eastside of Indy.

She recently bought a house

because she felt as if it would be a good investment. She has no children, but feels Indianapolis is a great place to raise kids.

Williams does have a significant other or a boyfriend so-to-say, and is pursuing her goals within journalism.



# EDITORIAL

## It's hard to ignore racist name-calling

By SHANNON WILLIAMS  
Recorder Editor



Discrimination is always present. In some instances it's hidden, in some instances it's blatantly obvious and in some instances it can happen in such a clever way that you're not quite sure whether it actually happened or not.

Just because discrimination is always present doesn't mean that everyone discriminates, but I think it's safe to say that discrimination does still exist in this world. The actual type of discrimination can vary. It could be due to one's race, their sex, their age, the type of neighborhood they live in...it really doesn't matter because it all boils down to a person exhibiting partiality or prejudice towards another person. Generally, however, discrimination results in the latter.

Over the weekend I had the opportunity to experience the extreme end of discrimination by individuals who were obvious racists.

I won't go into the entire story but the gist is that I was with a close friend of mine and on two different occasions the same group of white males in their 20s yelled out the word Nigger. The first time it happened, I was unaware of it, but the second time while we were driving through a green light and the car behind us with the rowdy white men in it abruptly turned left, that same group of men yelled out the word Nigger - again!

Naturally, myself and the person I was with were very upset, but we deemed it necessary to just ignore the harsh comment and continue on with our ride.

It might sound simplistic, but the first thing that I said, after saying "It's not worth it, just forget about them," was "Why would they say something like that?" What harm were we causing them by simply riding in a car and minding our own business?

As soon as the question arose in my mind, I immediately had to check myself and remember that this is the way things are, it's the way things have been, and more likely than not, it's the way things will continue to be. So although the stupid, ignorant comments caught me off guard, reality is, I wasn't surprised in the least.

The fact that I wasn't surprised is actually a good thing because it lets me know that I haven't lost sight of the way things actually are. We should never forget our own struggles of the past or the struggles of those that came before us.

It's important to always remember the challenging or difficult times, even as our lifestyles change and the blessings continue to flow. Doing so will keep us all grounded. It will also make us understanding and sympathetic of those who may not be as fortunate as so many of us and struggle on a regular basis.

We should never look down our noses at others simply because they may be different than us. And we certainly shouldn't call others demeaning names.

As I evaluated the entire name-calling situation in my mind, I realized how worse things could have actually happened as the result of the crass comment. If I and the person I was with didn't have the sense to ignore such ignorance... the whole incident might have resulted in a tremendous altercation that could have been disastrous for all involved. In situations like these, it's best to remember what our parents used to say and "just ignore them."

In today's society it doesn't pay to get worked up over another person's ignorance. It's best to turn the other cheek in a non-violent way as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. exercised.

Other than that all we can really do is be who we are and let them be who they are - and pray that one-day they'll see the light and change their evil, mean ways.

## JUST TELLIN' IT Sheriff Anderson lays down law, while Daniels reins in BMV's Silverman

By AMOS BROWN III



It's not an irrevocable break, but last Friday's announcement by Marion County Sheriff Frank Anderson that he doesn't support Mayor Bart Peterson's current law enforcement consolidation plan was a bombshell.

Sheriff Anderson flatly asked the City-County Council not to OK a proposed police/sheriff consolidation plan because the plan would make the elected sheriff's role a figurehead position.

Anderson's opposition is rooted in Hoosier common sense since Article 6, Section 2 of Indiana's Constitution mandates sheriffs in every county. Because sheriff is a constitutionally mandated position, and since Indiana has only one consolidated city/county, Anderson believes it's reasonable that the elected, constitutional sheriff should be the individual ultimately responsible for consolidated law enforcement in a consolidated county.

Anderson also believes consolidation "must be the will of the people" and that consolidation "based upon pure political strength will not work."

Anderson's bombshell decision puts both county Democrats and Republicans in a box.

Conventional wisdom is that Anderson's stance would embolden council Republicans to continue to oppose police/sheriff consolidation. But, given the increasing level of crime in the townships and support for consolidation from former Sheriff Jack Cottey, council Republican opposition to any plan that increases law enforcement coverage in the townships is politically risky.

The council's Democratic majority is also in a trick bag. If they oppose Anderson, one of the three most popular Democratic politicians in the city/county, they run a risk of a political backlash.

I've maintained that a consolidated police/sheriff department must be headed by the elected sheriff. It's worked in Jacksonville/Duval County, Fla., and Las Vegas/Clark County, Nev. It can work in Indianapolis/Marion County.

I wrote last week that consolidation is an issue that needs to be fervently debated within our African-American community. Sheriff Anderson's stand has given our community a framework for that debate.

Put me in the sheriff's camp. The constitutional law enforcement officer of the county must control and head consolidated law enforcement in a consolidated Indiana city/county.

While Anderson stood strong, Indi-

ana's insensitive BMV Commissioner got taken to the woodshed; forced last Friday to back off his outrageous plan to eliminate all license branch services in Gary.

A seemingly chastised Joel Silverman apologized to Gary Mayor Scott King and Gary's 90,000 residents. According to the Gary Post-Tribune, Silverman wrote, "I apologize for the consternation this process has caused you and the residents of Gary."

Silverman's travails began Sept. 12, when nearly 300 Gary residents and others from around Indiana, demonstrated at the Statehouse demanding retention of Gary's license branch.

Mayor King, state Sen. Earline Rogers and state Rep. Charlie Brown met with Gov. Mitch Daniels' Chief of Staff Harry Gonzo. Gary officials thought Gonzo had OK'd a deal that, pending a compromise, Gary's license branch would remain open till the end of the month.

The demonstrators left the Statehouse happy, but several hours later, Gonzo, the former IU star quarterback, did a reverse play and backed away from what he'd agreed upon.

Gary leaders were then angrier than before the demonstration.

Then Wednesday morning, "Sneaky" Silverman opened his mouth and ignorance poured forth as Indianapolis Star columnist Matthew Tully's revealed another example of what Tully described as Silverman's "cold" insensitivity.

Tully quoted Silverman saying Gary was losing their license branch because "Our customers are people who have cars. It's a matter of where our customers are and our customers are more in suburban areas."

Silverman's comments again showed his complete tactlessness towards Indiana's African Americans, most of whom don't live in tony suburban areas where Silverman hangs.

Unfortunately, Silverman's icy comments appeared just hours before Gov. Daniels appeared on WTLC-AM (1310's) "Afternoons with Amos." The governor tried to defend Silverman saying "he's not a PR person. He's not a politician." But, tellingly, Daniels said he wanted to see some BMV services remain in Gary.

Two days later, Silverman was publicly contrite and Gary retains some BMV services in a decision Silverman told the Post-Tribune was made "in consultation with and on direction of the governor."

This column, many other Indiana columnists and editorial pages have said that Daniels should do to Silverman what President Bush did to his former FEMA director. But something Gov. Daniels said gives me another idea.

During our radio interview, Daniels

said Silverman is "a good man" who has done missionary work "around the world."

Perhaps Silverman would have a greater appreciation of all the "customers" his BMV serves if he performed some of his mission work in Indiana's poor urban and rural neighborhoods. Neighborhoods where he's closed license branches.

Overseas compassion is nice. But Joel Silverman needs to exercise compassion for Hoosiers here.

### What I'm hearing in the streets

The last time Gov. Daniels took calls, questions and concerns from our African-American community, was right after Daniels' infamous March "car bombers" comment criticizing Democratic legislators' walkout. Then Daniels was feisty and combative.

This time the governor was surprisingly laid back, dare I say it, warm and fuzzy as he listened to complaints, concerns and problems from Hoosiers.

Daniels defended his stance on public education saying that while Indiana ranks "fourth in total education spending", much of that money doesn't "get to the classroom teacher."

On his minority business efforts, the governor bragged that the backlog of minority business certification had been eliminated and vowed that his administration would exceed the level of minority business participation of the previous Democratic administrations.

A surprising gubernatorial comment was when Daniels said he was worried "about the high cost of natural gas this winter."

Daniels' comments should alert our community and our leadership that despite the efforts to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina, we can't forget the impending crisis many poor and working poor families in Indianapolis and Indiana will face in the coming months keeping heat and lights running due to the soaring price of energy.

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Finally, I'm told the Circle City Classic and Indiana Black Expo plan to hold a special relief fund drive during the game and Classic events. The monies won't go to traditional disaster relief agencies, but will go to directly alleviate the suffering Katrina has brought to Black colleges and universities and their students.

See 'ya next week.

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## George W. Bush is no LBJ

By GEORGE E. CURRY  
For NNPA



After stumbling miserably out of the gate, George W. Bush has finally caught up

with the American public and now realizes that there is widespread support for rebuilding New Orleans.

He has finally struck the right rhetorical chords, pledging to "renew our promise as a land of equality and decency." He went on to say, "As we clear away the debris of a hurricane, let us also clear away the legacy of inequality."

With Bush, it is always better to ignore the language and examine his record. He has made some sweeping endorsements of diversity that would have made even Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. proud. But he used Dr. King's birthday to announce his opposition to a pair of University of Michigan affirmative action cases that went before the Supreme Court. Over Bush's objection, the conservative court upheld Michigan's law school admissions program while invalidating a more numbers-oriented undergraduate plan.

There are already troubling signs that the Bush

administration plans to use this natural disaster to recycle some old Bush plans that were previously rejected. All of the water hadn't been drained from Canal Street in New Orleans before Bush proposed \$5,000 "Worker Recovery Accounts" to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina and the subsequent flooding. Under the plan, those left unemployed by Katrina can use the one-time grant for job training, day care, transportation, education or anything else that will help them land a job.

The administration proposed a similar program two years ago, but Congress rejected the \$3.6 billion plan. If a person found a job within 13 weeks, under the plan he or she could keep up to \$1,000 left in the account. Liberals opposed the plan because they thought it would be the first step in replacing unemployment insurance. Conservatives, on the other hand, objected because they did not want to create another layer of bureaucracy.

Even more disturbing is Bush's determination to use public funds to subsidize private education.

The Department of Education announced a proposal that would provide nearly \$500 million in federal funding to help students enrolled in private schools in the disaster area relocate to private schools elsewhere. This is a variation of Bush's voucher plan and would use limited

public funds to subsidize private education. The flawed plan calls for each student receiving up to \$7,500.

Some conservatives, fearing growing deficits and an uncomfortable federal role in the relief efforts, are calling for across-the-board cuts in order to fund the recovery and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Others are challenging Congress to remove pork projects from recently enacted legislation.

Bush says he has no plans to raise taxes or do away with previously enacted tax cuts that mostly benefit the wealthy.

Former President Bill Clinton, in an interview on the "Today Show," said it would be "crazy" to maintain those tax cuts in view of the unexpected new expenses. Clinton and former President George H.W. Bush are heading up private relief efforts to help the victims of Katrina.

Expenses associated with recovering from Hurricane Katrina, estimated to be \$150 billion to \$200 billion, should not be used to distort the serious deficit problems the nation was facing before the disaster. The Congressional Budget Office had projected that the federal deficit would exceed \$300 billion a year for the next decade, totaling nearly \$4.5 trillion by 2015. And that was long before Katrina came ashore.

An analysis by the Center on Budget and Policy Prior-

ities shows that the repeal of some of the previously enacted tax cuts would more than offset expenses associated with Hurricane Katrina.

"The tax cuts enacted in 2001 and 2003 cost more each year than the total amount likely to be spent on Katrina," the center said. "The cost of tax cuts enacted in 2001 and 2003 is \$225 billion this year alone and will climb to higher levels each year in the future, as more of the tax cuts enacted in 2001 take full effect...The cost of the tax cuts in a single year exceeds the total anticipated costs of all expenses related to the hurricane over the years to come."

Rather than making the "bold" decision that he promised by repealing at least one of the tax cuts, George W. Bush will inflict even more cuts in programs designed to help the very people displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Bush's words may sound like fellow Texan Lyndon B. Johnson's Great Society programs, but they are not matched by similar action.

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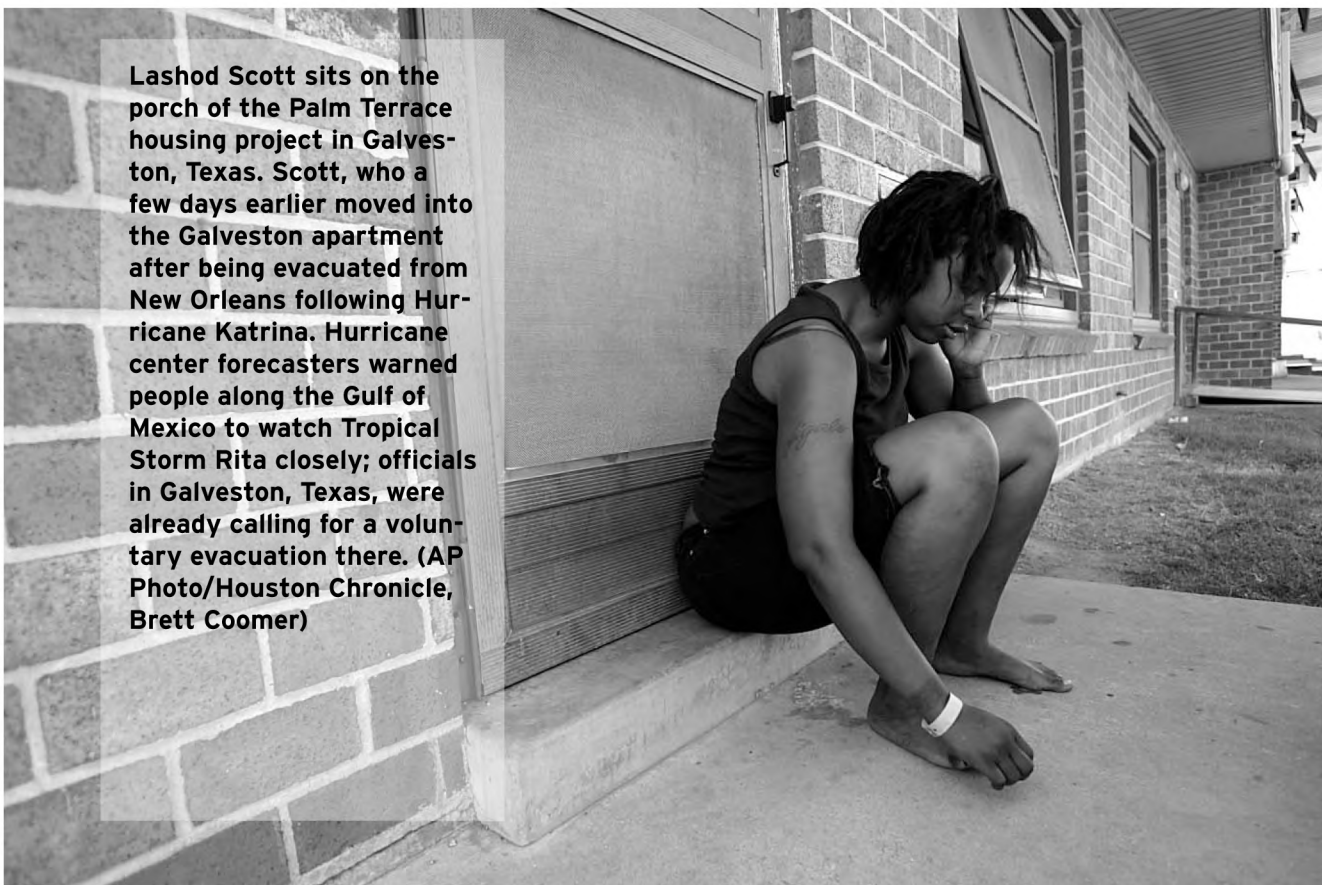
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# THE HURRICANE OF RIGHTEOUS BLACK ANGER



Lashod Scott sits on the porch of the Palm Terrace housing project in Galveston, Texas. Scott, who a few days earlier moved into the Galveston apartment after being evacuated from New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. Hurricane center forecasters warned people along the Gulf of Mexico to watch Tropical Storm Rita closely; officials in Galveston, Texas, were already calling for a voluntary evacuation there. (AP Photo/Houston Chronicle, Brett Coomer)

By **RON WALTERS**  
For NNPA



The Black community has a right to be angry about the slow response of its government to the human crisis in New Orleans created by Hurricane Katrina. In a recent Gallup/CNN poll, 76 percent of Blacks (compared to 60 percent of whites) said they were angry about the government's response to Katrina.

According to a Pew poll, 66 percent of Blacks felt that if the victims had been white, the response of the federal government would have been quicker.

This places the anger squarely at the federal government as the unit with the largest and most effective resources to respond to the crisis, but did not respond in a timely manner.

One source of that anger is the knowledge that the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) has often swung into action before hurricanes hit on Florida's coast, in areas that are both largely white and politically potent. But another source is the unconscionable and disproportionate focus on the lawlessness of Blacks, as opposed to the lack of swiftness in the delivery of humanitarian assistance.

I was standing in an airport looking down at the headlines of various newspapers blaring out about the looting that was going on. But while the media and others have

emphasized lawlessness, they undervalued the human crisis of desperate people, damaged by the hurricane, forced out of their homes on to rooftops, highways and into other places, and dying for lack of health care, food and shelter, appeared to be ignored.

Their anger was also grounded in the knowledge that this was not the case when the tsunami hit Asia and looting and rioting also occurred. That event was considered a human tragedy, worthy of our immediate response, complete with former presidents dispatched to raise funds.

By comparison, the human response to the Katrina hurricane was racialized by some, who used the lense of persistent negative stereotypes rather than the truth that much of what was occurring was the normal human response of desperate people trying to survive.

Perhaps it was providential that hurricane Katrina attacked Louisiana, dredging up the profound fact that of New Orleans' population of 450,000, one quarter (100,000), are officially classified as poor. The virulence of this poverty not only trapped a largely Black population so that it could not move out of the city, it signaled that their social and economic opportunities had been trapped as well.

Official statistics document the expansion of hard-core poverty census tracts in our major cities in the past two decades. They also tell us that last year was the fourth consecutive year that poverty increased in America with

1 million more people falling into that condition.

However, urban policy has been unpopular for more than two decades and has been denigrated in the rush to institute a conservative philosophy of "personal responsibility" for people who are unable to mobilize it. The 1980s began an era of punitive policies to deal with housing, crime, welfare and job training for poor people. They were left cities unable to deal effectively with these problems while the urban tax base was reduced by the out-migration of whites and Blacks and the hostility of governors and the federal government toward supplementing city budgets.

More recently, some presidents have recently attempted to push responsibility for this problem on to the agenda of faith-based communities that cannot possibly handle its magnitude. So, in this devastating human toll Katrina also has revealed the failure of policies that could have made 100,000 people stronger and more able to accept their personal responsibility.

Finally, the racism of the moment has caused many whites and even some Blacks to place the problem on the shoulders of Mayor Ray Nagin. Going back carefully through the time line of events has convinced me that both he and Gov. Kathleen Blanco responded to the National Weather Center alarm long before the hurricane hit. She mobilized the National Guard that Saturday and asked Bush to issue a state of emergency. Then, Nagin issued

an evacuation order at 9:30 a.m. Sunday before the hurricane hit, based on the existing emergency plan (one incidentally that had been in existence long before his short tenure in office).

But there were three devastating problems: the hurricane eliminated the capacity of the National Guard to respond by knocking out all of their communications; half of their men and most of their equipment had been sent to Iraq; and the water shut down the ability of local officials to deliver transportation services putting citizens on their own.

In that breach the Bush administration should have acted, but neither Michael Chertoff, head of Homeland Security, nor Michael Brown, head of FEMA, seemed to know that the Superdome was filling up with thousands of people and utter devastation had occurred.

One hopes that the reconstruction of the damage done by this hurricane causes a reconsideration what by "Homeland Security" really means: building not only material infrastructure, but also freeing the poor trapped in such cities through renewed initiatives to foster effective social policy.

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## Katrina and foreign policy

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So much has already been written concerning the aftermath of the devastating Hurricane Katrina. The racism, class-ism and the incompetence of the Bush administration have been displayed for the entire world to see. The response of much of the world has been one of sadness matched with horror.

Few of us here in the U.S. have paid much attention to how the rest of the world has been viewing the Bush administration's response to this disaster.

To a great extent, this is understandable given that we are trying to figure out what to make of it ourselves. Nevertheless, it is interesting to note a few things.

One, there was an almost instantaneous international response of concrete support for the victims of the tragedy. Countries from Sri Lanka to Cuba offered assistance to the Bush administration in responding to the disaster. It is particularly remarkable that prior to the Bush administration mobilizing any significant support for the Gulf Coast victims, the Cuban government extended an extraordinary offer of doctors and medicines. Cuba has a great deal of experience with hurricanes and one of the reasons for their early response to Katrina was their recognition of the immense danger of the spread of disease in the aftermath of the hurricane. This assistance was offered, it should be noted, by the Cubans despite the rabid hostility that the Bush administration has toward the Havana government of President Castro.

Yet, despite offers of help, the Bush administration has been, at best, sluggish in its response. Bush's spokespersons, in a very convoluted fashion, acknowledged that the Cubans had made the offer, but could never seem to explain the U.S. response. For the U.S. to accept the Cuban offer might call into question the aggressive posture that the Bush administration has taken toward overthrowing the internationally recognized government of the Cuban people. Thus, instead of accepting the badly needed assistance in the midst of the greatest natural catastrophe in the U.S. in the last 100 years, the Bush administration would rather play politics with the lives of hundreds of thousands of people.

Other countries have found themselves wondering as well when will the Bush administration reply to their offers; what is taking the administration so long to respond to the extended hand of support? It is as if the Bush administration is ashamed

to accept the support of others. It is also as if they fail to appreciate the urgency of the situation on the Gulf Coast, reminding all of us of the sources of the outrage expressed by rapper Kanye West at the NBC Katrina fund-raiser in the aftermath of the storm.

In addition to shock and sadness, the reaction of the global public includes outrage at the failure of the Bush administration to offer a timely and substantive response to the catastrophe. This contrasts with both the rapid international response to the 2004 tsunami catastrophe in Asia (where the Bush administration was, once again, quite slow in responding), as well as contrasts with the speed and magnitude of the Bush administration's illegal war and occupation of Iraq. Thus, for many of the world's peoples, the Iraq war and the Katrina disaster are very much linked. For us here in the U.S., there should also be a link that is drawn.

At the cost of nearly \$1 billion a week, the U.S. continues its occupation of Iraq. We are fast approaching the 2,000 mark in terms of the number of U.S. troops killed in this senseless and illegal war. The Iraqi dead number at least in the tens of thousands, but for some reason, no one seems to want to be able to keep an accurate count. Resources and technology abound for the Iraq occupation, yet in New Orleans there was not even an air drop of supplies to the stranded survivors at the Superdome or on freeway overpasses that had been turned into islands in a toxic lake.

The global press has increasingly been asking questions about the priorities of the Bush administration, and so should we. How can a sane person rationalize allowing thousands to remain stranded for days without food and water, and indeed without hope, while it continues to pound the drum about Iraq and homeland security? Is not protecting the people of the U.S. against the ravages of nature about homeland security?

Once again, the credibility of the Bush administration, and I dare say, the credibility of the U.S., has taken another nose dive in the court of global public opinion. Reading the headlines of newspapers from across the planet it is clear that we are being asked a simple question: it appears that there is a light on in the White House, but is anyone at home?

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## African-American women retirement insecurity

By **TERESA HEINZ**  
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Today, too many African-American women live in fear their golden years of retirement are more likely to be tarnished by locking them into a job well after they are 65.

This fact is reinforced by a recent national poll, conducted for the Heinz Family Philanthropies and the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement (WISER), that shows 40 percent of African-American women are afraid they may never be able to retire because they simply are unable to save for retirement.

From birth to adulthood and into retirement, our lives are in the hands of women. As life expectancies increase so does the importance of solid retirement plans. Life expectancies for African-American women are far greater than that of their male counterparts, making it more imperative to plan for

retirement.

Of the 1,700 people surveyed, African-American women expressed the most difficulty finding money to save for retirement. Sixty-four percent explained that there is just little or no money left after paying the bills.

Scarier still, 53 percent of the African-American women polled fear they will retire at or near the poverty level. These are our mothers, sisters, and daughters - yet, we are failing to protect them from becoming the next generation of bag ladies.

The Heinz/WISER survey found that retirement is a myth for the majority of women who believe it will be necessary to continue working into retirement. Of the African-Americans who anticipated working as seniors, 78 percent expect to work full- or part-time jobs during their golden years.

How has such a significant segment of our community grown so

despondent? The survey shows that women are trying conscientiously to invest for retirement, yet 74 percent of polled African-American women feel they cannot save enough and they report making less than their white counterparts do. And that isn't the whole story.

The African-American women polled explained that they take on a larger role in providing for extended families. They are more likely to bear financial responsibility for their parents, adult children, and grandchildren.

Of those who report caring for their parents, 61 percent are spending between \$100 and \$1,000 per month on basic needs, leaving a gaping hole in their ability to save. But the problem does not stop there.

Some 64 percent of African-American women said that another reason they are not saving for their retirement is the fact that after paying their bills, they usually have little

or no money left.

Social Security has been a life-saver for many women, but women of color have been and continue to be heavily dependent on it because they are unable to save for retirement. Sixty-five 65 percent of elderly African-American women would be living in poverty without Social Security.

Congress has an opportunity to combat this by reauthorizing the Saver's Tax Credit. This credit enhances employer retirement plans and individual retirement accounts by providing a government match for people who might not otherwise feel they have a reason to save. It also puts people in different income brackets on a more equal footing.

The way the Saver's Tax Credit works is simple. If your adjusted gross income is less than \$50,000 for married couples, or \$25,000 for singles, the credit covers the first \$2,000 contributed to your

employer's plan and can be up to 50 percent of the contribution. This works in addition to any other credits you may be allowed and supplements tax benefits received from the contribution. But, unless Congress re-authorizes the Saver's Credit, another federal program targeted to help lower and middle-income women will fall into the White House's compassionate conservative pool of empty promises.

Women are the heart of our lives, our families, and our future. If African-American women do not have the capacity to save for the future, then the vicious cycle of poverty in old age will continue to have the face of a woman, particularly an African-American woman.

The time for Congress to act is now.

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# Hollywood takes on 'The Gospel'

By **GARY JACKSON**

LOS ANGELES (BlackNews.com) — Take a powerful biblical story, apply it to modern movie sensibilities and you have a formula for a gripping contemporary tale of family, music and hope.

That is the underlying theme of "The Gospel," writer-director Rob Hardy's updated interpretation of the biblical tale of the Prodigal Son, the story of a young man who abandons his father's home to find his stake in life. He sets off to work for another family, but finds himself starving while others prosper. He resolves to return home and make amends to his father, who receives him with open arms after the son admits to his sins, causing anger from an older brother.

In "The Gospel," which opens nationwide Oct. 7, Boris Kodjoe ("Soul Food," "Love & Basketball") stars as a young man blessed with a gifted voice who decides to leave his father's congregation after a heated dispute to find his niche in secular music.

He becomes wildly successful, but a series of personal and family tragedies brings him back into the fold, where he finds his childhood best friend plans to take over the congregation from the ailing father. The congregation is in disarray and the son attempts to right the ship, but his friend is scornful and mistrusting of Kodjoe's return, thus giving "The Gospel" a new, yet effective storyline twist of the Old Testament filled with drama and music.

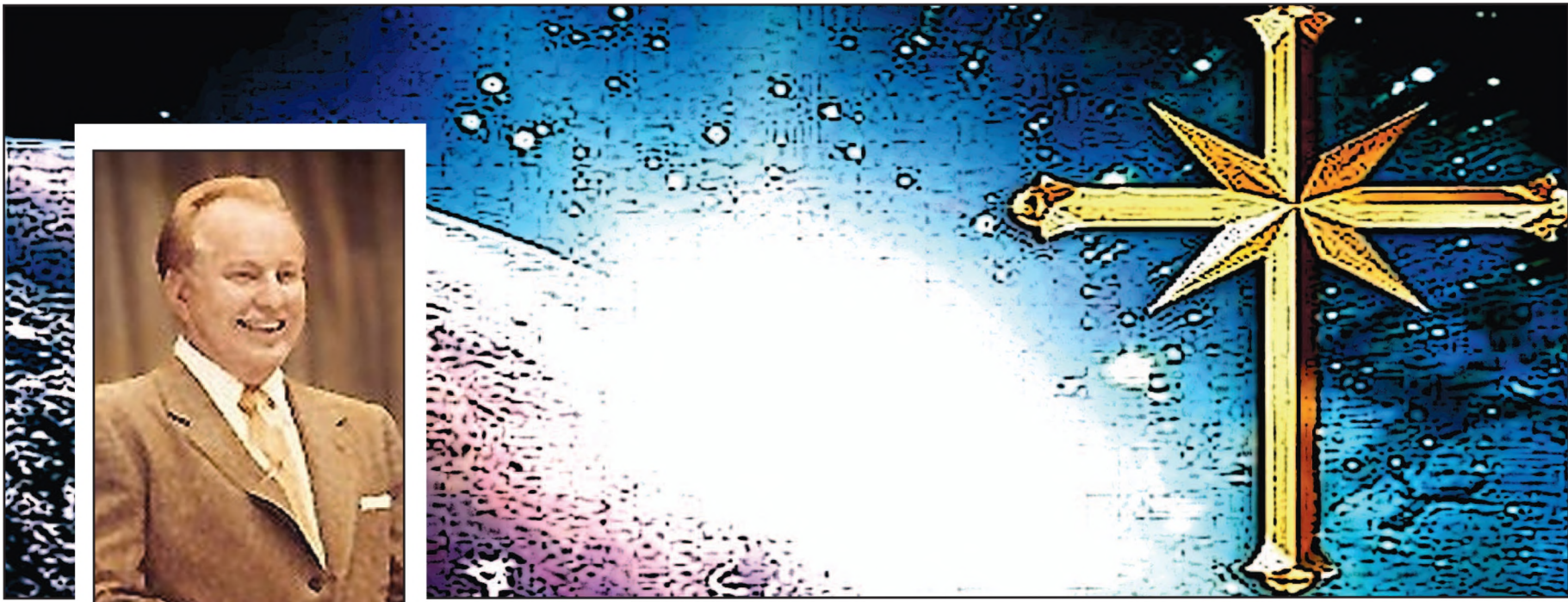
Written and directed by Rob Hardy, produced by Will Packer and executive-produced by Holly Davis-Carter, and Fred Hammond, "The Gospel" adds yet another plot twist. In the biblical version, the son returns to a stable house, while the movie version, the congregation is in utter confusion. Mix in today's most compelling gospel stars - Donnie McClurkin, Hezekiah Walker (both in strictly acting roles), Yolanda Adams, Martha Munizzi, Kirk Franklin, Fred Hammond, and an arresting cast of stars that includes Idris Elba, Nona Gaye, Keisha Knight-Pulliam, Clifton Powell, Omar Gooding, Tamyra Gray, and Delores "Moms" Winans in prominent roles - and "The Gospel" is a prescription for success in music, movie and message.

Hardy, Packer, Davis-Carter and several of "The Gospel's" stars sat down recently to discuss their participation in this groundbreaking movie. Hardy, a veteran writer-director of such movies as "Trois," "Motive," "Pandora's Box" and "Chocolate City," says of the gospel superstar lineup, "We were able to assemble this amazing cast because our actors and heavyweights in the gospel industry such as Kirk Franklin, Donnie McClurkin and Yolanda Adams read the story and said it felt genuine to them, that it was a drama about faith that they could relate to."

Hardy said, "Basically, after doing those movies, I wanted to tell a story that looked into the inner workings of a church, dealing with real people, dealing with faith issues and things like that."

Hardy and Packer had several false starts with "The Gospel," but "nothing seemed organic," Hardy said. "But then, Holly Davis-Carter put me and Fred Hammond in a room. We wound up just talking and kicking around ideas.

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## STARS RAISE AMERICAN CURIOSITY ABOUT SCIENTOLOGY

# Religion promotes minority outreach effort

By **BRANDON A. PERRY**  
Staff Writer

Although the Church of Scientology has been around for over half a century, most individuals are just now becoming familiar with the core beliefs and goals of what some view as an "alternative" religion.

Curiosity about Scientology has increased rapidly in recent months, especially since a recent segment of NBC's "Today Show" in which actor Tom Cruise, a committed Scientologist, berated anchor Matt Lauer for suggesting that psychiatry and anti-depressants were solutions for emotionally disturbed children.

But despite the higher level of exposure lent by

celebrities like Cruise, most outside Scientology are still not exactly sure whether it's a faith or philosophy, although the U.S. government has classified it as a religion with tax-exempt status since the early 1990s.

"Officially Scientology is recognized as a religion," said Philip Goff, director of the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, which is based in Indianapolis. "It also teaches a philosophy and certainly falls under that category as well, so I would say it's one of those cases where the categories of religion and philosophy come together."

The Los Angeles based Church of Scientology claims over 3,000 local churches, missions and related organizations in over 133 countries. Exact

numbers of members have been difficult to verify independently.

Basically, Scientologists believe that: (A) People are immortal spiritual beings ("thetans") who have a mind, body and lesser "genetic entity," (B) thetans have lived through many past lives and store memories which cause difficulty in their present life and (C) people are fundamentally good, but corrupted by unconscious memories of "aberrations" (traumatic incidents and guilty feelings) from the past lives. Thus, many of today's problems are reactions to these past traumas.

Ideally, the goal of Scientology is to rehabilitate thetans so they can achieve spiritual purity and become more effective in reaching their goals.

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## IN THE SPIRIT

# Gospel artists unite for Katrina Relief Concert



Attendees enjoy a benefit concert put on Sunday by 20 local gospel artists who gathered at Christ Missionary Baptist Church. The goal of the event was to raise funds for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.



Members of R&B In the Spirit offer their brand of mime praise.



Robert Turner (center) and the Silver Hearts perform gospel favorites during the event. (Photos/C. Guynn)



## New Orleans bishop speaks

Rev. Ivan Douglas Hicks (right), pastor of First Baptist Church North, introduces Bishop J. Douglas Wiley during a special service held Sunday at Light of the World Christian Church. Wiley, pastor of Life Center Cathedral Baptist Church in New Orleans, spoke about the impact Hurricane Katrina has had on congregations in Louisiana, including his own. (Photo/C. Guynn)

# St. Rita members repair homes for hurricane victims



On Saturday volunteers from St. Rita Catholic Church gathered on the 1700 block of Arsenal Avenue to prepare a home for those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Peter Ray (facing camera) instructs volunteers on how to help with the renovation.



Local artist Terry Wilson also lends a hand. (Photos/C. Guynn)

## CIRCLE CITY CLASSIC GETS 'READY FOR FREDDIE'

# Dallas pastor to speak at worship service

By **BRANDON A. PERRY**  
Staff Writer

The faith community of Indianapolis will get the city and visitors prepared for Circle City Classic weekend with the visit of a minister who has been on the front lines of faith-based efforts to revitalize communities and, more recently, reach out to those who have faced the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Rev. Frederick D. Haynes, pastor of Friendship West Baptist Church in Dallas, will be the featured speaker for the annual Circle City Classic Prayer and Praise Worship Service, which will be held from

7 to 10 p.m. on Sept. 28, at the main campus of Eastern Star Church, 5750 E. 30th St.

Many individuals familiar with Haynes would agree that it's virtually impossible to find anyone who has ever regretted hearing one of his sermons.

Known as a very socially conscious minister with a colorful preaching style and outgoing demeanor, Haynes has achieved national notoriety among Christians as a popular revival speaker.

In recent days his congregation has joined several others in Dallas that have stepped forward to help meet the needs of thousands of evacuees

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Rev. Frederick D. Haynes



# SCIENTOLOGY

► Continued from B1

Scientologists put their philosophy into practice through a process called "auditing," a one-on-one session with a Scientology trained counselor (auditor) who is charged with helping a person remove traumatic memories and fallout from past sins that keep them from succeeding in life.

Some Scientologists claim that their system of auditing has raised the I.Q. of many people and freed them from drug and alcohol addictions, learning disabilities, depression and other mental disorders, although these claims have not been independently verified.

"Scientologist teachings in many ways deal with making the individual better... the soul is sort of sick and it needs to go back and recover itself," explained Goff. "Its teachings in many ways mirror what came into the U.S. in the '60s through Eastern religions, or what we would call the culture of the therapeutic."

A key component of Scientology is dianetics, a system of self-improvement techniques outlined by founder L. Ron Hubbard (pictured on top of page B1) during the 1950s. Scientology was originally established in 1954 by Hubbard, a

science-fiction author, as an alternative to psychotherapy, but he later restyled it as an "applied religious philosophy."

Scientologists have a deep distrust of psychiatry, which they view as a brutal, inhumane and corrupt profession. They cite past psychiatry practices, such as electro-shock treatment and forced lobotomies as well as the addictive nature of some current medications as the basis for their beliefs that psychiatry has hurt people in "the guise of help."

This view explains the intense lecture Cruise initiated during the "Today Show" interview.

Only Scientologists who reach the advanced levels of the religion are taught some of Hubbard's more esoteric teachings, which include the theory that extraterrestrials traumatized our memories as far back as 75 million years ago, and traditional faiths such as Christianity and Islam are the results of negative memory implants.

Hubbard continued to issue various Scientology materials until his death in 1986. Today, the president of the Church of Scientology is Rev. Heber Jentzsch.

Famous Scientologists have

included Cruise, John Travolta, Kirstie Alley, Brooke Shields and the late singer/congressman Sonny Bono. But the religion's most famous Black members are undoubtedly musician Isaac Hayes, best known for composing the score to the 1971 movie "Shaft," and rapper Doug E. Fresh, who had a big hip-hop hit in 1985 with "The Show."

"Scientology is the gateway to eternity, it is the path to happiness and total spiritual freedom," Hayes said in a statement. "Until one has experienced the technology of Scientology it's unlikely that one will ever experience these wonderful discoveries. I know because it has worked for me. The more time and effort I invest, the more I receive. I highly recommend it."

Scientology leaders say the creed of the church is that all men "were created with equal rights," and noted that many churches of Scientology have a department of ethnic affairs that is designed to work with minorities. An example of this outreach effort is a literacy project in Compton, Calif., that has supposedly turned drug dealers and gang members into "responsible members of the community."

The Church of Scientology also claims dianetics organizations in several African nations, including Ghana, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

In addition, Scientologists say that their study technology has helped over 2 million underprivileged South Africans improve their ability to study long before the apartheid era ended.

The Church of Scientology has been classified as a "cult" or simply as a non-religious organization in some European countries, especially Great Britain and Germany. It has come into conflict with the Anglican Church, the Lutheran Church and the Russian Orthodox Church.

Other critics highlight a May, 1980 Reader's Digest article in which Hubbard allegedly states the best way a man can make a million dollars is to "start his own religion."

But on its official Web page, the Church of Scientology counters that it is only interested in solving social problems, pursuing social justice and realizing Hubbard's vision of "a civilization without insanity, without criminals, and without

war, where the able can prosper and honest beings can have rights, and where man is free to rise to greater heights."

The phone rang unanswered this week at the Indianapolis chapter of the Church of Scientology, located on the city's Westside at 6451 Rockville Road.

Currently, Scientologists not only have local religious centers in most major U.S. cities, but they also operate drug treatment centers, criminal rehab programs, projects to implement effective educational methods in schools, a publishing company (e-Republic) and the Institute of Scientology Enterprises, which helps businesses apply Scientology management techniques.

Despite the similarity in names, the Church of Scientology has no connections to the Church of Christ Scientist, commonly known as Christian Science.

For more information about the Church of Scientology, log on to [faq.scientology.org](http://faq.scientology.org).

## Memoriams

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Was called away.  
God took him home,  
It was his will,  
Within our hearts he  
liveth still.  
Sadly missed by  
Wife: Maggie  
and Children

## SERVICE

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who entered Texas in the aftermath of Katrina.

According to the Dallas Morning News, Friendship West has assisted about 200 displaced families.

Others have reported that Haynes and Friendship West members recently stopped a bus headed for the Dallas Convention Center. The bus was filled with evacuees from the South and was going to take them to temporary shelter with thousands of others at the large venue. The church offered to provide living quarters for the families.

"We're not going to warehouse these people, we are going to house them," Haynes stated.

Friendship West has also facilitated a meeting for displaced college students with Dr. Marvalene Hughes, president of Louisiana's Dillard University. The church will send vans and a bus to the convention center and Reunion Arena each weekend to pick up children so they can attend programs and activities at St. Phillips School and Community Center, a private Episcopal school.

Since his first day as pastor of Friendship West, Haynes has strived to implement the church's mission of being "a caring community of Christians committed to developing a personal relationship

with our Lord that eventuates into a ministry of evangelization, edification, and emancipation, in the church and the community."

Since 1983 Haynes has served as spiritual leader of the 28-year-old congregation, which grew from 500 members when he first assumed leadership to a present roster of over 8,000 members and 45 ministries.

When accepting his call to ministry 25 years ago, Haynes realized the great potential Christians have to impact the world if they would just be willing to "minister beyond the walls of the church."

A third generation preacher, he was born in San Francisco and earned degrees from Bishop College and Southwestern Theological Seminary. He has received honorary doctorates from Paul Quinn College and Texas College, and is working towards a doctorate in ministry from the British-based Oxford University.

Known as much for his progressive views on social activism as his witty and "real" preaching, Haynes has led his church in teaming with up with numerous civil rights groups and community associations in the Dallas area.

In 2000 Haynes was invited by

President Bill Clinton to participate in national dialogue regarding issues impacting the African-American community.

He places a strong emphasis on reaching youth, and addresses their needs on a popular Dallas radio program. Friendship West has added an hour-long fourth service, "Saturday Night Live," to attract the young secular crowd usually found at clubs and parties.

Under Haynes' leadership, the church is currently developing the holistic Friendship Community on 60 acres of land to include a school, athletic complex, office, retail space, health center and a 315,000 square-foot Worship and Family Life Center.

Haynes is married to Debra Peek-Haynes, founder and president of Quorum Commercial, a Dallas commercial real estate firm. They are the parents of 11-year-old daughter Abeni Jewel Haynes and legal guardians of 17-year-old niece Corey Russell.

For more information about the 2005 Circle City Classic Ecumenical Service featuring Rev. Frederick D. Haynes III, call (317) 591-5050 or (317) 237-5222.

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## Community Day of Prayer



**Before Eastside Missionary Baptist Church's Community Day of Prayer begins, the church's praise team sings to those in attendance.**



**Several information booths were available to attendees. (Photos/C. Guyonn)**



# New online magazine serves as platform for young adult Christian network

WASHINGTON (BlackNews.com) — Ask the founders of one of the nation's premiere online destinations for networking and information sharing among young adult Christians to explain how they were able to translate a small idea into a Web site that generates more than 50,000 hits per day, and they'll tell you that it's strictly a gift from God.

In less than a year, ChristianHangSuite.com has amassed millions of hits, thousands of subscribers, and even more daily visitors, supporting the argument that an online information tool for the young adult Christian population (ages 18-35) was long overdue.

Charlie Parker and Kevin Parker, the father-and-son team that founded ChristianHangSuite.com, are unusual in the respect that not only do they oversee the day-to-day operations of the company, but they also designed, developed, and continue to update the Web site themselves.

"It's not too bad," explained Kevin Parker when asked if wearing two hats was often times a bit overwhelming. "We don't really see it as work. This is something that we both enjoy doing. At the end of the day, I'm confident that someone has been blessed by

our site."

With more than 30 different sections to choose from, users can create a member page, post events, request prayer, post testimonies, access a wealth of information from the lifestyle section, listen to full-length audio sermons, and can also listen to interviews with the industry's top gospel artists.

Israel Houghton, Martha Munizzi, Byron Cage, J. Moss, the Mighty Clouds of Joy, Youthful Praise, Darius Brooks, and Cross Movement Records are a few of the notables that have phoned in to the studio session for live interviews. The Web site also includes an Internet radio station, WCHS RADIO-FM, which is hosted on the Live365 network.

ChristianHangSuite.com recently launched the addition of four more cities to their online community, including Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta, and Philadelphia. When asked what future plans were in store for the company, co-founder Charlie Parker replied, "We're going to continue to go in the direction that God leads us."

For more information, log on to [www.christianhangsuite.com](http://www.christianhangsuite.com).

## HOLLYWOOD

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As a result of that conversation, I was re-inspired to pick the project back up."

Speaking of inspiration, the Bible has long been a source of rich stories that emphasize the importance of faith. The Prodigal Son has been one of the most trusted parables in the Bible, used extensively in Westerns and war, but not from the perspective of a church background, with a plot tweak that pits former best friends against each other in so dramatic a way.

Packer recognized this early as the storyline unfolded: "It's about really having the inner fortitude to overcome anything that's in front of you, and doing that with the help of God. It's a faith-based, inspiration-themed film, one we've wanted to do for some time," he said.

Davis-Carter added, "You see the character Boris plays of David, who's raised in the church, goes away, gets into a life of fame, money, women, wealth, drugs and sex. As he journeys back, it's the redemption that he finds, it's the hope that he finds, it's the salvation that he finds."

Hardy tells how he was drawn to the story of the Prodigal Son: "So many of us, as people, have a religious background, whether you grew up in a church or are vaguely familiar with the church. Most of us have a reverence toward God, but in our adult lives and teen-age years, we tend to try different things and explore different options; we try to define the world on our own terms."

Hardy said, "A lot of the lessons that we ultimately learn, experiences that we go through, ultimately bring us back, closer to God. So this is a story of one such individual."

Although he did not wish to elaborate, Hardy also added elements of his own life into "The Gospel."

One of the most compelling elements of "The Gospel" is its lineup of gospel music superstars. Holly Davis-Carter revealed that there was a specific and important reason for attracting gospel stars to the project: "People will not listen to the gospel spoken; they are captured by the gospel song."

Yolanda Adams comment-

ed about her participation: "I heard about the project about a year and a half ago. They said they needed some gospel stars to play themselves in this particular film, and I was happy to participate because it seemed so real. It was a story of faith and believing."

Kirk Franklin, who composed the majority of the music in the movie, says "The Gospel" allowed him to do something he had not done in a long time: "It gave us a chance to do traditional music that we don't get a chance to do a lot of."

Martha Munizzi, affectionately known as the Teena Marie of gospel, adds electric energy in her performance and comments: "Rob Hardy listened to my music and asked me to become a part of it, which I was very glad to do."

And Donnie McClurkin adds, "I'm particularly drawn to the music in this film because the music helps to tell the story, because traditional music represents what the church used to be (in the storyline)." However, McClurkin purposely does not sing in the movie because he wanted audiences to see another side of him, but he and Franklin are planning a soundtrack music video to the classic song "Ooh Child," made famous by the 5 Stair Steps. The soundtrack was released this month on Verity Records on September 6. The first single was "Victory," by Yolanda Adams. Hardy says this is a very special song because "(rapper-actor) Snoop Dogg and Pharrell wanted the beat, but the producer owed Yolanda a favor, and so she got it."

"The Gospel" is a marriage of mainstream Hollywood actors with the biggest names in gospel music. Hardy is pleased with the arrangement, summing up: "If the movie featured all gospel stars, the question could be asked, 'Are they really acting, and is it really gonna be a good movie? And, if it was a movie with just Hollywood stars, would it be authentic?' I think we have a really good hybrid between the two, and the musical element adds something different. And, this movie comes from a dramatic standpoint that audiences can really sink their teeth into."



## Annual French Market Festival

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church recently hosted its annual French Market Festival. Judge Mark Batties prepares food as "Chef for the Day." Many participants from congregations and parishes across the city came out to enjoy the festival. (Photo/C. Guyann)

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# Candidate for the diaconate



Above: Indianapolis Archbishop Daniel Buechlein says mass during the admission to candidacy for the diaconate, at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

Donald Dearman (right) is the first African American to be selected as a candidate for the diaconate (deacon) in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Dearman is a member of St. Rita Catholic Church. (Photos/C. Guynn)



# Witherspoon homecoming



Dorothy Davis and Woody Collins view art from the Congo during the annual homecoming weekend gathering at Witherspoon Presbyterian Church held on Saturday.



From left: William F. Jones, John Ellis and Paul Harden grill food for homecoming participants. (Photos/C. Guynn)

# Mt. Moriah Family Life Center



Above left: Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church recently cut the ribbon to their new Family Life Center. Above: Rev. Arthur L. Sample III (left), pastor of Mt. Moriah, pictured with his wife, Barbara. (Photos/C. Guynn)

## RELIGION BRIEFS

### Book release celebration

Local teacher and speaker Quester Adams will be having a book signing party and release celebration for her latest work, entitled *A Meaningful Gift: Passing on the Richness of God's Love*. The event is scheduled for Sept. 24 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Hair Connection, 5178 Allisonville Road. Participants will be able to enjoy refreshments and gifts. For more information, log on to [info@clearpathpublishing.com](mailto:info@clearpathpublishing.com) or call (317) 251-9132.

### Benefit to highlight soprano

Indianapolis soprano Angela Brown, who recently made her Metropolitan Opera debut in the production "Aida," will be featured during an event entitled Hope Through Sons, a benefit concert for Hurricane Katrina evacuees relocated to the Indianapolis area. The concert will be held Sept. 23 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 100 W. 86th St. The combined choirs of St. Luke's and Second Presbyterian Church will also sing in the performance. Brown will be joined by pianist Charles Goehring and guitarist Tryon Cooper in sacred classical and patriotic selections, as well as several African-American spirituals. For more information, call (317) 846-3404 ext. 338.

### Church to host big band

The Al Cobine Big Band will appear during a free jazz concert in the fellowship area of North United Methodist Church, 3808 N. Meridian St., Sept. 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. The 15-member band has performed with Natalie Cole, Johnny Mathis and Elvis Presley, among others. For more information call (317) 924-2612.

### Trinity C.M.E. pastor earns doctorate Special to the Recorder

The congregation of Trinity C.M.E. Church in Indianapolis is celebrating the latest accomplishment of its senior pastor, Rev. O'Neal Shyne Jr. Shyne has earned a doctor of philosophy in theological studies from the Graduate Theological Foundation, which has affiliations with Oxford University in Oxford, England. Shyne, who already had degrees from Northern Kentucky University and United Theological Seminary, successfully passed his oral defense of the dissertation entitled, "A God of Encouragement in the African American Tradition." Shyne grew up in Indianapolis and attended the Indianapolis Public School system. He has served as pastor and chief administrator of several C.M.E. churches, including St. James, Chicago Heights, Ill.; Metropolitan, East Chicago, Ind.; Lane Chapel, Covington, Ky; and Lane Tabernacle, St. Louis. Entering his sixth year as pastor of Trinity, Shyne is credited with bringing 500 new members to the congregation. He has been involved in and has made contributions to many religious, civic and educational affiliations throughout the community and nation. He is also a professor of religion studies and urban ministries at Martin University. Shyne is married to Louisiana native Claudette Caloway Shyne, and they are the parents of Rev. Antoine, O'Neal III, and Claude Shyne.



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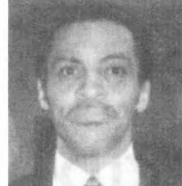
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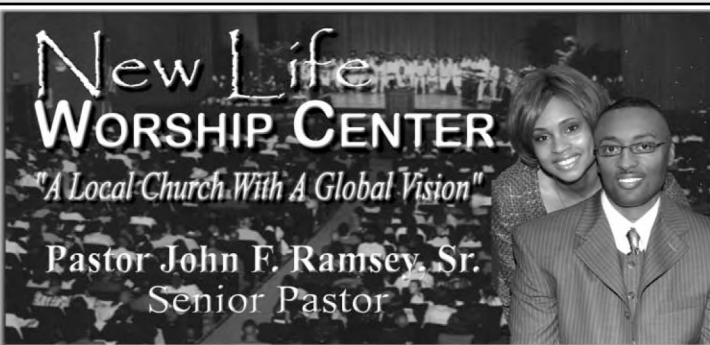
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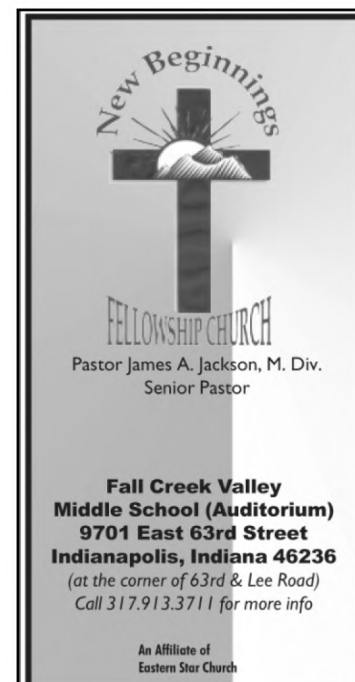


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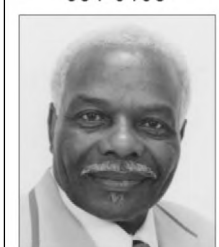
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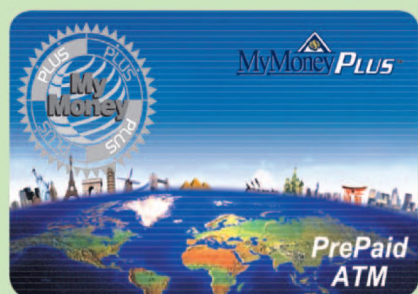
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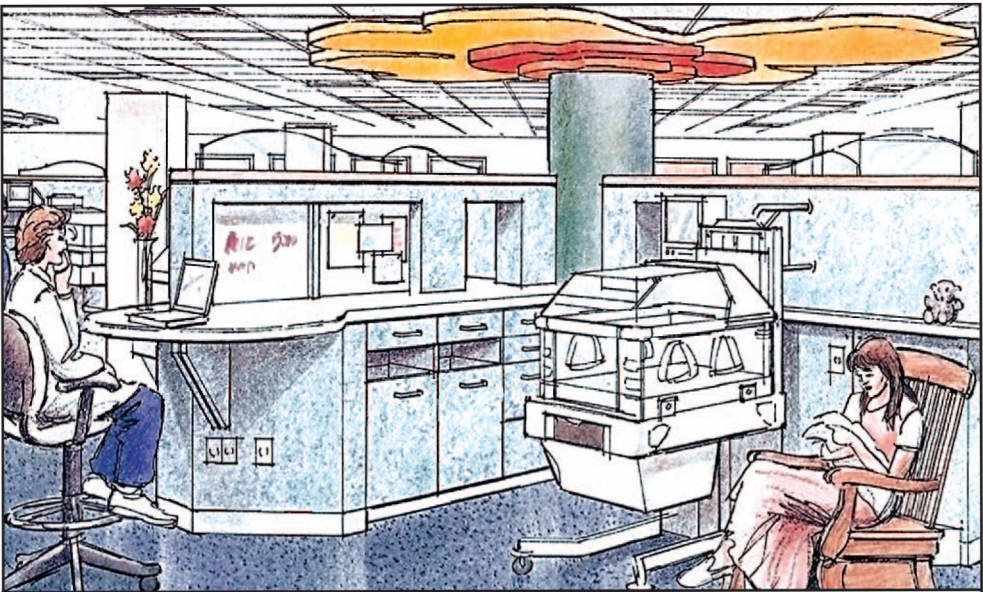


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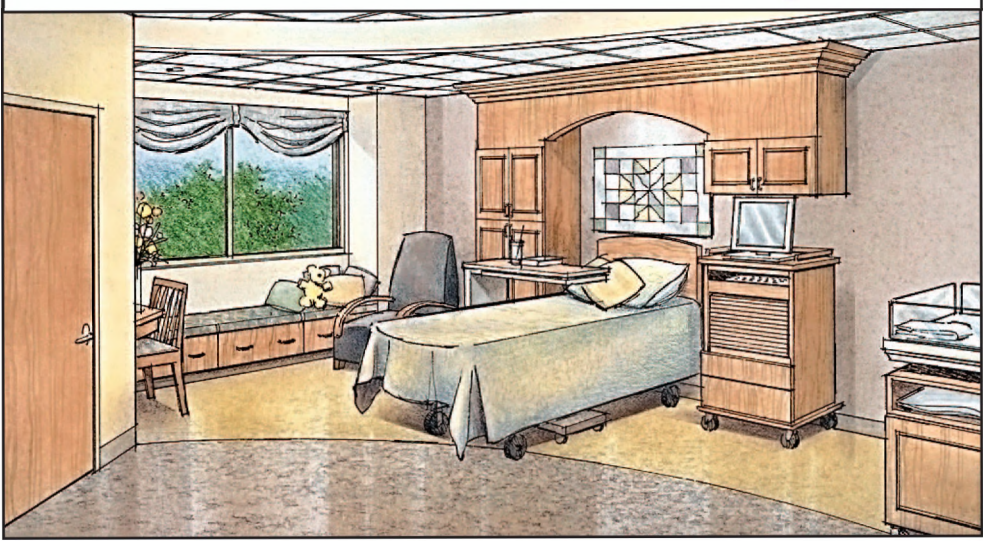


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## St. Vincent Women's Hospital



# ST. VINCENT COMPLETES \$19 MILLION EXPANSION

By **ERICKA P. THOMPSON**  
Staff Writer

St. Vincent Hospital continues its growth by combining family life practices with women's health in a \$19 million remodeling and expansion.

The hospital combined the Family Life Center of St. Vincent Indianapolis Hospital with St. Vincent Women's Hospital to create a premier health care experience for women.

"St. Vincent Women's Hospital has been built and designed around a woman's unique needs for all aspects of health care," said Anne Coleman, administrator of the women's hospital. "This hospital gives us the opportunity to treat the medical needs of women, and to treat their emotional and spiritual needs, too."

After purchasing Women's Hospital in 2003, St. Vincent began the remodeling and expansion phase without delay.

The 60,000-square foot expansion includes seven obstetrical triage rooms, 16 labor, delivery and recovery rooms, 26 high-risk antepartum care unit rooms, 75-bed Newborn Intensive Care Unit, 48-bed family care unit and a 13-bed medical surgical unit among other newly designed facilities.

The Family Care Unit offers 48 private patient rooms, a nursery, lactation consultants and a newborn portrait studio.

"Our new construction and remodeling allows us to treat our patients in a state-of-the-art facility, which offers the amenities our patients tell us they desire," said Rick Gates, medical director. "While maternity services are certainly an important component of our health care ministry, we also

offer urologic, plastic and breast surgical services. Additionally, we are the gateway to all women's services available throughout St. Vincent."

In addition to maternity and breast care services, St. Vincent's Women's Hospital also provides hospice, joint replacement, mental health, neuroscience, sleep disorder, sports medicine and wound treatment services.

"We know that women make the decisions about where their family receives health care," said Patricia A. Maryland, executive vice president and regional chief operating officer of St. Vincent Health. "We want to make all of our services available to all of the women in our community."

### Extraordinary care at St. Vincent Women's Hospital

- Maternal fetal medicine and genetics center.
- Newborn Intensive Care Unit staffed 24/7 by neonatologists, neonatal nurse practitioners, nurses, respiratory therapists and physical therapists.
- Newborn transport services for critically ill newborns - two custom ambulances.
- Spa facilities available for patients on high-risk antepartum unit.
- Breast pump rental.
- Lending library.
- Online class registration and health information.
- Short-term pager rental for expectant families.

## Indiana Criminal Justice Institute hopes to empower young women

Special to the Recorder

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) has announced it is sponsoring and hosting its first Empowerment Conference to encourage and empower young women to have healthy dating relationships and high self-esteem.

The Indiana Young Women's Empowerment Conference is scheduled for Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Indianapolis Westin Hotel.

Heather Bolejack, executive director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, said, "Our Youth Division is utilizing studies to address the root causes of risk behaviors that

lead young women to become part of the juvenile justice system. I am personally dedicated to improving the quality of life for young women and encouraging them to stay on track and overcome obstacles."

The majority of women interviewed said being a victim lowered their self-esteem, which was the reason they entered into behavior that landed them in Indiana's juvenile detention facilities. The ICJI study found that the young women in Indiana's juvenile justice system are often:

- Victims of a violent crime such as battery.
- Abused physically either at

home or by a boyfriend.

- Abused sexually by either a stranger or an acquaintance.
- Minors dating older adult men.

- Involved in drug usage.

"Our research shows the problems facing young women are greater now than ever before with 9.3 percent of all high-school-aged females in Indiana reporting they have been treated violently by a boyfriend. Our state is above the national average for this disturbing statistic. It's a problem we hope to reduce by educating young women," said Kate Gullans, deputy director of programs.

From July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2004, Indiana reported that 60 women died as a result of domestic violence. In cases where women survived physical abuse, 27 percent of the victims were between the ages 15-25 and one-third of the perpetrators were the victim's boyfriend.

Special speakers at the Empowerment Conference include: Marion County Prosecutor Carl Brizzi; Holly Dunn, the only known survivor of the railroad serial killer in 1997; Fort Wayne Police Capt. Dottie Davis; First Sgt. David Phelps, team leader for the state's Clandestine Laboratory Enforcement Team; and ACT Out, a social issue theater troupe.

Attendees can register by either calling 1-800-353-1484 or send an e-mail to empowerment@cji.in.gov with your name, age, address and phone number. Registration is limited to women between the ages 16-23. A brochure of the conference is available at www.in.gov/cji.com or by sending an e-mail to empowerment@cji.in.gov. ICJI will sign paperwork necessary to allow conference attendees to have an excused absence from school.

*The conference is sponsored by the Victim Services and Youth Divisions of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.*

## Antibiotics Don't Help Colds and Flu, Could Hurt

Submitted by the Health Education, Promotion and Training Department of the Marion County Health Department

As cold and flu season approaches, the public needs to know one simple truth: antibiotics don't work for a cold or the flu.

Antibiotics kill bacteria, not viruses. And viruses cause colds, flu, most coughs, bronchitis and sore throats. Antibiotics don't touch viruses — never have, never will. And this isn't new information. It's a long-documented medical fact.

But tell that to parents seeking relief for a child's runny nose or to sick adults who can't miss another day of work. Recent research shows that most Americans have either missed the message about appropriate antibiotic use or they simply don't believe it. It's a case of mistaken popular belief winning out over fact. According to public opinion, there is a false perception that antibiotics cure everything.

Americans believe in the power of antibiotics so much that many patients go to the doctor expecting to get a prescription. And they do. Tens of millions of antibiotics prescribed in doctor's offices each year are for viral infections. Clearly, antibiotics are neither effective nor needed for virus-related illnesses.

Why, then, do doctors continue to prescribe them inappropriately? According to recent research, doctors say that they are often too pressured for time to engage in lengthy explanations with patients, or the parents, about why antibiotics won't work for viruses. Also, the diagnosis can be uncertain — as many symptoms for viral and bacterial infections are similar — so sending patients home with a prescription for antibiotics may be a "better safe than sorry" tactic. But, perhaps most interesting, doctors report that their patients often demand antibiotics.

The demand may be coming from people who remember receiving antibiotics before the issue of antibiotic resistance raised red flags about inappropriate usage. Medical research now tells us that taking antibiotics for viral infections contributes to the rise of antibiotic-resistant infections. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, antibiotic resistance already is one of the world's most pressing public health problems.

Sick individuals aren't the only people who can suffer the consequences. Families and entire communities feel the impact when disease-causing germs become resistant to antibiotics. The most obvious consequence of inappropriate antibiotic use is its effect on the sick patient. When antibiotics are used to treat children or adults with viral infections, they aren't getting the best care for their condition.

A course of antibiotics won't fight the virus, make the patient feel better, yield a quicker recovery or keep others from getting sick.

A less obvious consequence of antibiotic overuse is the boost it gives to drug-resistant disease-causing bacteria. Over the last decade, almost every type of bacteria has become stronger and less responsive to antibiotic treatment when medically indicated. These antibiotic-resistant bacteria can quickly spread to family members, school mates and co-workers — threatening the community with a new strain of infectious disease that is more difficult to cure and more expensive to treat.

The first step toward reversing this problem is to build public knowledge and awareness of when antibiotics work — and when they don't. Americans need to know that the pills that seem to help can actually hurt when taken inappropriately. Antibiotics are wonderfully effective medications when taken for the right reasons. But using them when they are not needed increases everyone's risk of catching a super-bug this cold and flu season.

Americans of all ages can lower their risk. Parents should start by talking to their children's doctors about appropriate antibiotic use and following their orders — for the health of their children, as well as their own.

### What to Do for Colds and Flu

Although antibiotics can't treat a cold or flu, you can ease the symptoms through home remedies and over-the-counter medications.

- Drink plenty of liquids such as water or decaffeinated tea.
- Citrus juice might irritate a sore throat.
- For a sore throat, gargle with salt water or use an over-the-counter lozenge to soothe it.
- A saline nasal spray helps to relieve your stuffy nose.
- Milk products can thicken mucous and make your stuffy nose worse. Drink clear liquids instead.
- Be sure to get plenty of rest.
- Keep warm.
- Fever may actually help your immune system fight infection better. This is why many doctors advise that you don't take anything to lower a fever unless it is high, or unless you have heart or lung problems that make it hard for your body to tolerate a fever. Check with your doctor for guidelines, especially for children.

- Centers for Disease Control



As a parent, you want to help your child feel better. But antibiotics aren't always the answer. They don't fight the viruses that cause colds and flu.

What will?  
Fluids and plenty of rest are best. Talk to your doctor. Find out when antibiotics work — and when they don't. The best care is the right care.

For more information, please call 1-888-246-2675 or visit [www.cdc.gov/getsmart](http://www.cdc.gov/getsmart) or [www.icares.org](http://www.icares.org)



Indiana Coalition for Antibiotic Resistance Education Strategies





# Health fair



Aaron Pinner of Martin University distributes information during the North Arlington Health Services annual health fair.



Granny Annie the Clown provided face painting during the health fair. (Photos/C. Guyann)

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### HEALTH TIP

## Look for signs of inhalant abuse

(HealthDayNews) — Kids looking for a quick high sometimes turn to “huffing,” which is a form of inhalant abuse that can trigger irregular heart rhythms.

The Texas Medical Center in Houston reports that common consumer products, such as spray paint, cooking spray, air freshener and butane can be sprayed into cans and small plastic bags, or sprayed on clothes. The concentrated vapors are then “huffed” or inhaled.

Clues your child might be huffing include:

- A drunken or dizzy appearance.
- Slurred or disoriented speech.
- A chronic runny nose and red eyes.
- Erratic mood changes, such as anxiety, excitability, irritability, or lethargy.
- Frequent sniffing of clothes.

If your child exhibits any of these symptoms, professional medical help and psychological assistance are strongly recommended.

# Study challenges standard for treating heart attacks

BOSTON (AP) — In a study colliding with established practice, recovery from small heart attacks went just as well when doctors gave drugs time to work as when they favored quick vessel-clearing procedures.

The surprising Dutch finding raises perplexing questions over how to handle the estimated 1.5 million Americans who each year have small heart attacks - the most common kind. Most previous studies support the aggressive approach.

“I think both strategies are more or less equivalent. I think it is more a matter of patient preference, doctor preference, logistics and, in the long run, it could be a matter of cost,” said the Dutch study’s lead researcher, Dr. Robbert J. de Winter, at the University of Amsterdam. The wait-and-see approach is usually cheaper.

Under current American and European guidelines, patients with small heart attacks must be rushed into a hospital laboratory to test for coronary-artery blockages. Then, they are usually given bypass operations or angioplasties, which clear the clog with a little balloon. In the Dutch study, drugs were given time to work in half the patients before any decision on further treatment.

It is not extraordinary for respected studies, with varied patients and methods, to reach opposing conclusions. This question, though, is particularly important, since it bears on the care of so many patients.

The latest findings were laid out last week in the New England Journal of Medicine. The Dutch team focused on 1,200 heart-attack patients for a year. Though they were undergoing heart attacks, their heart-wave tests did not indicate major attacks. These smaller heart attacks can still cause suffering and death.

One set of patients was given blood-thinning drugs and angiography tests within 48 hours to check on their need for procedures. In the end, almost 80 percent of them got angioplasties or bypasses.

The second group got the drugs, but no

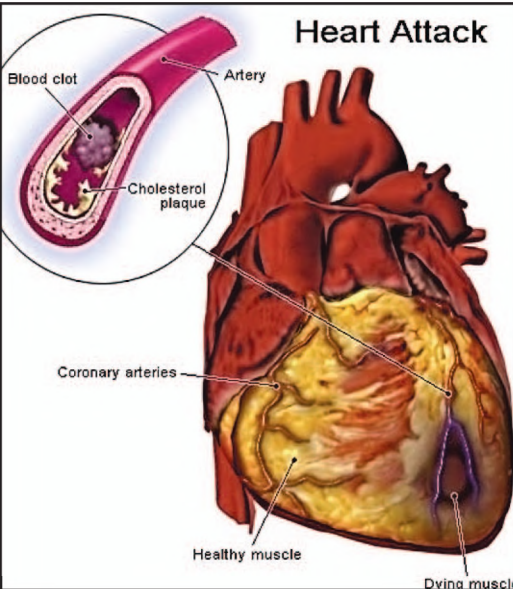
aggressive measures until much later and only if symptoms persisted. After a year, just over half needed the more aggressive treatment.

Few died in either group - only 2.5 percent. In the first group, 23 percent either died, suffered another heart attack, or went back to the hospital with chest pain. Only 21 percent did in the conservative group - a statistical tie.

Dr. Eugene Braunwald, the Harvard cardiologist who chaired the professional committee devising the U.S. guidelines in 2002, said this study alone - though well executed - should not change current practice. “I don’t think one study should upset the whole apple cart,” he said.

Others said it’s time to consider at least modest changes in guidelines and practice.

“We’ve lived in this sort of mortal fear that we’re going to be shortchanging the patient who doesn’t go right to the lab, and I think this study shows that the group that didn’t go right to the lab didn’t do badly at all,” said Dr. William Boden, a cardiologist at Hartford Hospital, in Connecticut. He wrote an accompanying editorial.



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### Indy AIDS walk and ride

The Indiana AIDS Fund will host the Indy AIDS Walk and Ride Sunday, Oct. 9 with a full day of activities, food and live entertainment beginning at 10 a.m. The walk will be held at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Register for the walk by logging on to [www.indianaaidswalk.org](http://www.indianaaidswalk.org) or by calling (317) 630-1805.

### Free prostate cancer screenings

Community Regional Cancer Care, part of Community Health Network, is teaming up with the American Cancer Society to offer free prostate cancer screenings for men in October. The screenings, which will include both a PSA (prostate specific antigen) blood test and a rectal exam, will be offered by appointment only. Call 800-777-7775 to schedule an appointment.

The prostate screenings will be held on Oct. 10 and Oct. 12 from 5-7 p.m. at the following locations: Community Regional Cancer Care East (Located at Community Hospital East) 1500 N. Ritter Ave., Indianapolis Professional Building, Suite 481 and Community Regional Cancer Care North (Located on the Community Hospital North campus) 7229 Clearvista Drive.

# Anti-rape condom introduced

Special to the NNPA from GIN

KLEINMOND, South Africa – The first female condom designed to prevent rape was introduced last week by a South African woman and is already stirring up controversy in a country that has one of the highest rates of sexual assault in the world.

Sonet Elhers, a former medical technician, says she was inspired by a rape victim who said, “if only I had teeth down there.” Her invention, called “Rapex,” gives women those teeth.

The latex device, which is inserted into the vagina like a tampon, can be worn for up to 24 hours. It contains plastic barbs that attach to the shaft of a man’s penis and can only be removed surgically.

“Rapex” is safe for a woman to use and does not permanently harm the man’s penis. However he will be debilitated immediately and forced to seek medical attention, which Elhers believes will help law enforcement find and easily prosecute rapists.

Police statistics show that more than 50,000 rapes occur in South Africa annually, but experts believe the actual number could be four times higher, as many rapes go unreported. More than 40 percent of sexual assaults involve young women under the age of 18.

Some South African rape crisis groups call the device “medieval” and “barbaric.” They disagree with Elhers that her device empowers women.

Chantel Cooper, director of Rape Crisis Cape Town, believes “Rapex” may make women more vulnerable to violence and murder. “It’s not progressive at all, this is like a chastity belt. We need to understand that the safety of women is not an individual responsibility, but a societal issue,” she said.

Beyond deterring incidents of rape, the condom will protect women from unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV. South Africa has more people with HIV/AIDS than any other nation.

Elhers expects to market her device next year. One condom will sell for 1 rand or approximately 16 cents.

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## Lil' Kim reports to detention center

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Rapper Lil' Kim began serving a 366-day prison sentence Monday for her conviction on charges stemming from a 2001 shootout outside a New York City radio station.

The 30-year-old entertainer, whose real name is Kimberly Jones, was whisked into the federal detention center past a throng of media, fans and passers-by at 4:45 p.m.

Earlier, she issued a statement saying she had "unfortunately" been assigned to the concrete, high-rise Philadelphia facility instead of to a prison camp "as discussed."

She added: "I am not certain that this constitutes fair and equal treatment."

Her lawyer, L. Londell McMillan, said a celebrity like Lil' Kim could be in danger in the detention center.

"Why should a female hip-hop artist have to spend time in an urban concrete jungle while other female prisoners are assigned to rural, suburban-type prison camps?" said McMillan, adding that he would seek to have his client reassigned.

The 4-foot-11 rapper, who was convicted of lying about the gun battle to a federal grand jury and in the subsequent trial, brought about 20 to 25 people to Philadelphia with her in two RVs. Her mother, brother and lawyer were allowed to accompany her briefly into the detention center to say goodbye, McMillan said.

"She was upbeat, smiling," he said. "She told her mom not to cry and to stay strong."

Lil' Kim will be assigned to a female work cadre at the coed prison, McMillan said, noting that she could be out in nine months with good behavior.

"Today begins a new saga in my life which I expect to strengthen me and allow me time for reflection," Lil' Kim said in her statement. "I plan to write music while in prison, read and pray regularly and will come out a stronger, more confident woman."



Lil' Kim



## BOOKMARKS

# Relax and read

By **ERICKA P. THOMPSON**  
Staff Writer

Inhale, exhale.

Relax and stretch out in your favorite chair with your favorite cup of mocha.

The children are in school (finally!) and you actually have time to read the half dozen or so books that were pushed to the side because there weren't enough hours in the day.

Finding time to read during the summer is a difficult task for some so the Recorder has put together a short list of titles to help readers catch up as the temperatures begin

to drop.

Eric Jerome Dickey, *Genevieve*

In his 11th novel, Eric Jerome Dickey introduces readers to Dr. Genevieve Forbes (pronounced - ZHAWN-vee-EV), a complex overachiever who begins to unravel and face her past when the death of her grandmother forces her to return to a home she never wanted to revisit.

Married to a man who adores her with his entire being, it's difficult for her to reciprocate his feelings. Children, undying affection and companionship seem unimportant

to her.

But returning to her roots is exactly what Genevieve needed to live again.

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Victoria Christopher Murray, *Grown Folks Business*

In *Grown Folks Business*, Victoria Christopher Murray tackles the "down low" epidemic in a way not too many authors have: from a woman's point of view.

Sheridan Hart has had a picture perfect life with her husband Quentin for 17 years until he one day announces, "I am in love, but

not with a woman. I'm in love with a man. I've fallen in love with Jett Jennings."

For Quentin, he has finally gotten rid of a brick that had been weighing him down all of his life, but for Sheridan her life begins to crumble.

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Bebe Moore Campbell, *72 Hour Hold*

Bebe Moore Campbell brings to life her own personal struggle caring for a family member with a mental illness.

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## Comedy not treading lightly after Katrina

Electronic Urban Report

With the Bush administration a major target of national criticism over its mishandling of early Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, comedians have not hesitated to exploit the topic for laughs.

The quick reaction from comics is decidedly different from the comedic tiptoeing done in the weeks and months following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in 2001.

This go-round, jokes stemming from the tragedy, mostly directed toward the federal response, seem to be welcomed as a way to vent frustration.

"The anger that fuels comedy has built up," executive producer of the upcoming BET comedy awards, Stephen Hill, told the Associated Press. "We fully expect Katrina to become part of the comic lexicon of the show."

Hill said BET gave only a "fleeting thought" of canceling the show, which airs Sept. 27.

Meanwhile, on D.L. Hughley's Comedy Central show "Weekends at the D.L.," the comedian made fun of the looters that were seen wading through floodwaters with huge televisions on their shoulders.

"What are you going to do with a 42-inch plasma TV? Drag it to the roof?" he said. "Take me back! I forgot my remote!"

He also noted how many New Orleans residents were religious, and chose to stay behind while putting their faith in God: "Sometimes God sends the weatherman to say there's a Level 5 hurricane. Sometimes Al Roker is God."

In an interview with AP, Hughley said one of his staffers had asked if it was too soon to laugh at Katrina.

"That's sort of a silly question," Hughley said. "Day 15 is too soon, but Day 16 is all right?"

The majority of Katrina-related humor from TV's late night crowd has also targeted President Bush. When told it was going to take 80 days to drain floodwater

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Jay-Z

## Jay-Z has British tabloids working overtime

Electronic Urban Report

British tabloids had a field day recently following around GQ's newly-crowned International Man of the Year, Shawn "Jay-Z" Carter. Several stories about the man's extracurricular activity in the United Kingdom popped up in various local newspapers.

The Daily Mirror reported that the mogul and a 15-member entourage were unable to get into London's swanky Kabaret's Prophecy nightclub because it was filled to capacity.

"Jay-Z turned up just before 2 a.m.," a source told the paper. "He was keen to party and rushed down the stairs to look for a table. But he was told there was no way he and his party could be seated as the club was heaving. We were stunned."

However, Jay-Z didn't throw a fit or play the "don't you know who I am" card. He calmly left, according to the source.

"He was a real gent about it. He left, saying 'This place rocks - I'll be back,'" the source said.

The paper also reported that the multi-millionaire was due at London's Café De Paris to see the performance of his protégé, Teairra Mari. But fans waiting for him to show up were disappointed when he arrived late and refused to mingle with them.

From there, he went on to attend a party for his Rocawear clothing line. But it took a long time for him to get in after a problem with his keys - and it was eventually 1 a.m. before he showed up at

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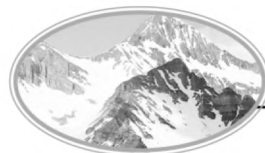
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## BOOKS

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Through the struggle of Keri Whitmore, who is desperately trying to save her bi-polar daughter, Teri, Campbell reveals the problem that many parents face once their mentally ill child turns 18.

An intense tale of a mother's love, Campbell educates readers as well as illustrates the pain, unfairness and struggle many face in the mental health system.

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Omar Tyree, *Boss Lady*

Readers were introduced to Tracy Ellison Grant in Omar Tyree's first novel *Flyy Girl* 10 years ago as a young woman growing up during the birth of hip-hop music.

In *Boss Lady*, Grant is a 34-year-old actress who has taken Hollywood by storm. But after two mediocre films, her star begins to dim.

When her 19-year-old cousin Vanessa arrives in L.A. from Philadelphia, she prompts Tracy to pursue her goal of transforming *Flyy Girl* into a major motion picture.

But as always, things aren't always as easy as they seem.

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Stanely Bennett Clay, *In Search of Pretty Young Black Men*

*In Search of Pretty Young Black Men* centers on Maggie Lester-Allegro and her husband, the prestigious Dr. Lamont Lester-Allegro — a couple surviving solely on the habit of being around each other instead of love.

Unknown to each other, they both are having an affair with Dorian Moore, a young, handsome man who makes a nice living charging men and women for his services.

After Dorian is killed, Lamont loses it and

becomes institutionalized, and that's when the story turns.

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Benilde Little, *Who Does She Think She Is?*

In *Who Does She Think She Is?* Aisha Branch is engaged to a young, handsome and enormously wealthy white man named Will Fitzhugh.

The wedding plans come to a standstill when Aisha meets Miles, a rich Black man who happens to be good friends with Will's father.

As Aisha wrestles with her feelings on who is truly the man for her, she is also in turmoil trying to find out who her father is.

Narrated by three generations of Branch women, Little tackles the difficult questions often posed by a close family that keeps secrets and is afraid what of what might happen if they are disclosed.

### New titles from your favorite authors

Kimberla Lawson Roby, *Changing Faces* — Jan. 24, 2006.

Zane, *Shame On It All*, in bookstores now.

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## ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

### Journalist Soledad O'Brien to speak at Butler

Soledad O'Brien, broadcast journalist and host of CNN's "American Morning," will speak on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Clowes Memorial Hall as part of the Butler University Celebration of Diversity Distinguished Lecture Series. Admission is free of charge, although tickets must be obtained at the Clowes box office. The lecture is a hallmark event of Butler's Hispanic Heritage Celebration.

O'Brien, who brings a unique heritage of Latino, Irish and African-American cultures to her presentations, will discuss the topic "Diversity: On TV, Behind the Scenes and in Our Lives." O'Brien will describe her role as a woman in the media and her road to success in the television news business.

A Harvard University graduate, O'Brien is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. She writes a bi-monthly column for USA Weekend magazine on parenting.

### JAY-Z

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the party.

The tabloids also got Jay-Z to address the million dollar ring and watch combo he gave to his girlfriend Beyonce, as reported by London's Daily Mirror. He denied that the finger bling was an engagement ring.

The press also made note of Jigga's invitations to a GQ Awards after-show party, which were signed with his birth name. Journalists said they were given the following specific instructions: "Please make sure that when referring to him in your article, you call him Shawn Carter. It's how he wants to be known now because he's exploring business opportunities in the U.K."

Also, British newspaper the Sun reported that Jay-Z hinted at a reunion

of Destiny's Child in 2007 following their break-up later this month.

"I'm going to their last show, but it won't really be their last one. They will be back in 18 months," he reportedly told the paper.

But, back to the reason Jigga was in London in the first place. Dressed in a white suit, white and red pinstriped shirt, black tie and black shades, Jay-Z accepted his International Man of the Year award from Jade Jagger and said during his speech: "The secret is to wear the suit, don't let the suit wear you."

Last year OutKast's Andre "3000" Benjamin won International Man of the Year honors.

## Unsolved Shakur case reportedly re-opened

### Electronic Urban Report

Anonymous law enforcement officials have revealed that the 1994 unsolved shooting of Tupac Shakur at Quad Studios in New York has been reopened to see in the incident was somehow connected to the rapper's death in 1996.

In November of 1994, Shakur was shot five times in the lobby of Quad Recording Studios after being invited to the studio to record.

"They are investigating the Quad shooting and other unsolved murders related to the hip-hop business," the source told AllHipHop.com. "No one was killed in the Quad incident, so that aspect is dead as an investigation. But what they are investigating is the shooting's

connection to Tupac's murder in Las Vegas."

The source said that the investigation will focus in part on Jimmy "Henchmen" Rosemond, the current manager for rapper The Game, R&B singer Sharissa and Mario Winans through his New York based company, Czar Entertainment. Rosemond and Shakur were known associates, according to the Web site.

Shakur has said in previous interviews that he met Rosemond while attempting to make extra cash by guest starring on the records of other artists. However, their friendship became strained after Shakur was shot in the lobby of Quad Studios, with a number of rappers present, including Sean "Diddy" Combs, Christopher "Notorious B.I.G." Wallace, Lil' Cease, Andre Harrell and others.

Tupac would soon publicly (and on wax) accuse Diddy, Biggie, Rosemond and others of being involved in the shooting. Rosemond has denied Shakur's allegations and said an investigation would yield little, because he is innocent, the Web site reports.

"It's a shame that after 11 years of the Quad shooting and nine years after Tupac's death, people would still circulate my name in the nonsense," Rosemond told AllHipHop.com. "I support any investigation into both incidents, in fact I would finance the investigation so the truth can come out. Tupac was a very good friend of mine and it hurts me deeply that there are people out there (including people in jail) that would like to assassinate my character and make me hip-hop's villain."

### COMEDY

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out of New Orleans, Conan O'Brien joked that Bush said, "That's almost half a vacation."

Jay Leno said that the FEMA head recently appeared at his doorstep and said, "I'm here for the earthquake damage you had back in '94."

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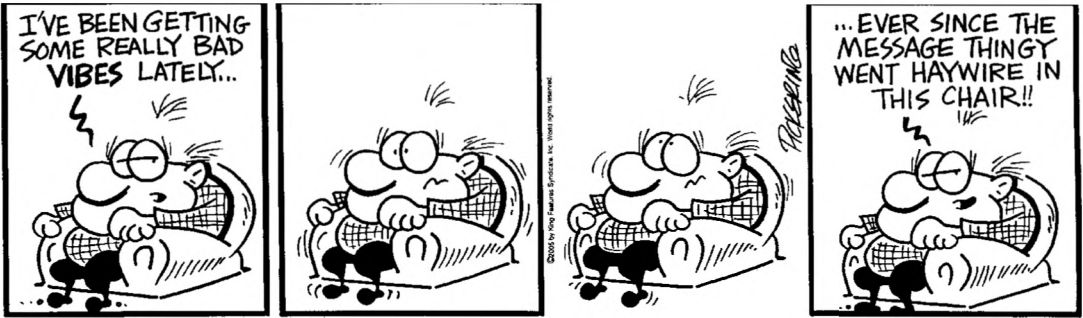
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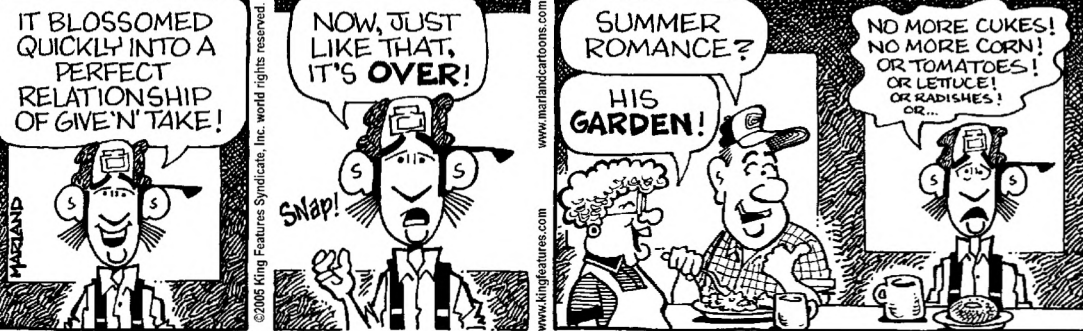
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## When kids get headaches

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Life can be a pretty big headache these days - and that applies to your kids, too. Children's headaches are probably underreported, yet you've certainly heard your child complaining about having one.



As a parent, the big question is when to be concerned about your child's headaches. How do you know when the problem is more than worry about an upcoming test or a fight with a friend? What kinds of headaches do children suffer from, and how should they be treated?

When should you be concerned?

Frequency and apparent cause are factors you can use to determine if your child's headaches are reason for concern. Most of the time, you can identify the cause of your child's headache, such as staying up too late, playing in the sun too long or bumping his head. Unexplained or recurring headaches over a short period of time, however, should be brought to the attention of your child's doctor. But how short is a "short" period of time?

"If your 6-year-old is complaining of significant, unexplained headaches once a month or more often over several months time, I think it would be reasonable to have that child seen by a doctor," says Dr. George Hammond, a neurologist. "That frequency in an adolescent who may be under stress at school would not be as worrisome."

In general, children suffer from the same types of headaches that plague adults. An infection in the body can cause a headache; so can medications a child is taking. Headaches also are a potential side effect of most medications.

There are many other potential causes for headaches as well. In young children, dental caries, ear infections and sinusitis can all cause pain that is described as a headache. Children also can suffer from migraine and tension-type headaches, commonly called tension or muscle contraction headaches.

The pounding, throbbing pain of migraine headaches probably afflicts some children early in life. If you have an infant or toddler, it's unlikely you'll be able to tell if he's experiencing migraines, because he won't be able to tell you. One thing you might notice, however, is something called a migraine variant. One such migraine variant, called paroxysmal vertigo, affects toddlers. This is described as a sensation of spinning or whirling, which comes on suddenly and disappears in a matter of minutes.

### Diagnosis

Most simple headaches will resolve at home with little medical intervention.

## Annual Celebrity Barbecue and Grille



Left to right: Marvin Chandler, Shari Finnell, Joyce Rogers, Michael Rodman, Rose Mays, John Thompson and Edward Wheeler gather during the 23rd Annual Celebrity Barbecue and Grille sponsored by Indianapolis Chapter of Links Inc. The aforementioned individuals are this year's honorees.



Amos Brown, strategic analyst for Radio One, was the roast master for the event.



The Carl Hines Trio provided entertainment.



The Mary E. Gibson Book Award was presented by Marya Jones Overby (right) to LaQuashia Curry. (Photos/C. Guynn)

## Touchstone Awards 2005



Stacia Matthews served as MC for the Girls Inc. annual Touchstone Awards dinner.



Retired journalist Barbara Boyd (left) introduced Recorder Publisher and General Manager, Rep. Carolene Mays. Mays was the recipient of the Business and Industry Award.



Girls Inc. members Miranda (left) and Marissa discuss their involvement with the organization. The duo was featured in an inaugural painting titled "Strong, Smart & Bold" by artist Mary Patchen. Prints of the painting are being sold to benefit Girls Inc. (Photos/C. Guynn)



## Rep. Porter's annual hog roast

John Bonner (left) and state Rep. Greg Porter prepare food during a hog roast. Porter hosts the event every year at his home. (Photos/C. Guynn)



**BUSINESS BRIEFS**

**Daylong seminar for management**

Wessels & Pautsch P.C. recently announced an all-day super seminar for management that will take place at the Market Tower on Oct. 20 from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Topics will include effective strategies for dealing with difficult employees, wage and hour issues as well as emerging trends in workers comp among others.

The cost is \$225 and includes materials, continental breakfast, lunch and cocktail hour. To register or for more information contact Doris Baxter at (630) 377-1557 between the hours of 9-5 p.m.

**Classes to support aspiring small business owners**

The Neighborhood Self-Employment Initiative (NSI) and the Central Indiana Women's Business Center will hold free orientation sessions on Sept. 28, at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1 at 9:30 a.m., and Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 6:30 p.m. for people who are interested in learning more about the Business Beginnings course. The orientation sessions will be held at the English Foundation Building, 615 N. Alabama St.

The Business Beginnings course will be held for individuals interested in starting a small business on eight Mondays beginning Oct. 10 (6 - 8:30 p.m.).

Business Beginnings is a 20-hour class that guides entrepreneurs through the process of deciding if their business idea is likely to succeed, developing a business plan or examining their existing business to make it more successful. Topics include planning, financing, pricing, goal-setting, cash flow, marketing and managing records.

To register for the orientation session or for more information, contact NSI at (317) 917-3266 or 1-877-836-7523. Additional information is also available at NSI's Web site, www.nsibiz.org.

**Want the latest in video game technology?**  
**EMPTY YOUR WALLET**

By **ERICKA P. THOMPSON**  
Staff Writer

In November, parents will hear more "Pretty, pretty please" whines from their children than they've ever heard before. Chores will be done without asking and homework amazingly will be complete before dinnertime.

The reason? The new Xbox 360, priced at \$299 for the basic unit and \$399 for the deluxe edition, will be released Nov. 22, just in time for the holiday season.

"The release date is critical because it gives Microsoft a six month head start over the projected launches of Sony's PlayStation 3 and Nintendo Revolution," said Yankee Group analyst, Michael Goodman.

Nearly 50 to 60 percent of all video game consoles are sold during the holiday season, which gives Microsoft a great edge over PlayStation and Nintendo, which will be released in 2006.

To gamers, or video game lovers, the cost of consoles and games are a monthly budgeted expense. It doesn't matter that a new one will be readily available every three years or so because the advances in technology and the extras make it worth it to purchase.

"If you buy the core system, which is basically the cost of the original Xbox it's the same price," said Jeff Ofarrell, manager of Electronics Boutique in Circle Centre Mall. "If you buy the upgraded system it has so much extra stuff that it's really a steal at that price."

The deluxe edition of the Xbox 360 includes a wireless controller, a 20-gigabyte hard drive, a headset, Xbox Live, a membership for Xbox Live, high definition cables and a media center remote.

"I think the price is pretty standard," Ofarrell added. "It's pretty much in line with what has come out before. PlayStation 2 and



Xbox were both \$300 when they launched years back and it was \$100 extra for the other things you received. If you break it down that way you're saving a little money over the previous cost of the systems."

PS3 is expected to cost \$399 when it's released next spring. Since Xbox 360 will sell for \$299, Sony is expected to suffer a loss of more than

\$1.18 billion during the first year of its release.

It is normal for game companies to take a loss on hardware whenever a new console launches, since they typically focus on acquiring market share rather than generating a profit during the first year. During the second year and afterward, they can recover the losses with the savings that come from mass

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**Black Business Profile**

**Full Name of Business:**  
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February 1998

**Owner:**  
Roman J. Casel Sr.

**Number of paid employees:**  
3

**Products/services:**  
Major collision repairs; auto body, custom and factory matching paint jobs

**Significant business advances/achievements:**  
One major achievement my employees and I enjoyed was cleaning up the facility after it was purchased. We put new gravel on the parking lot, fixed the old, beat up doors and restored the building's total appearance. It has become a positive part of the community now, instead of just an empty, decaying and abandoned building.

**Future goals:**  
I would like to eventually have another body shop, possibly on the Northwestside of town.

**What are some of the obstacles you faced and how did you overcome them?**

For one thing, being an African American in this industry. You won't find many Blacks in this city who have their own body shops. For this reason and the fact that I was a new business, most parts suppliers and vendors didn't take my business seriously at first. They probably didn't expect my shop to survive. But now they display much more confidence and respect when it comes to dealing with me, since the shop has stayed open for five years.

Another obstacle is people who expect ridiculously low prices just because Roman's is a minority business. Many wouldn't hesitate to pay \$3,000-\$5,000 to get work done at a place like Blossom Chevrolet. But they might come to someone like me and expect to only pay \$1,500; with \$300 down to get the work started.

**Who does your business best serve and why?**

My business serves anyone who needs quality paint job. During the winter months, over 70 percent of the clients we serve come in for insurance purposes, to get their vehicles repaired after wrecks. In warmer weather, we mostly see individuals who simply want their car to look nice and have a custom paint job.

**How has your experience helped to meet the needs of your clients?**

As an employee formerly, I was able to see the underside of the auto body business. I learned all aspects of providing proper service to customers. But practices I have seen over years have inspired me to be honest with customers. Roman's is not the type of place to tell people what they want to hear simply just to keep their business. If a man shows me his car and I know my shop can't do the type of work that is needed or at the price he's willing to pay, then I would recommend another business. Customers have appreciated this honesty, and in nearly all cases they either come back to us later or make recommendations about us to other people.



Roman J. Casel Sr.

**RESPONSE TO KATRINA COMES IN MANY FORMS**

**IBE looks at comprehensive approach**

Special to the Recorder

Indiana Black Expo Inc. (IBE), known for rallying behind causes and issues in the community, expands its reach to its neighbors down South.

"We at Indiana Black Expo are deeply saddened by the events that transpired in the Gulf Coast," said IBE president and CEO Joyce Q. Rogers. "Indiana Black Expo is committed to assisting the victims of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath by working with other local agencies to coordinate and implement long-term plans focused on housing, employment and other quality of life issues affecting those who have been displaced."

**Current plans for assistance include:**

- Locating housing for families that have contacted the IBE office.
- Implementing the "Make Your Dollar Count Campaign" during the American Family Insurance Classic Weekend events; which draws over 100,000 people to downtown Indianapolis; IBE is asking that everyone give at least \$1.
- Employment opportunity at IBE; relocated family member has been contacted to fill open position.



IBE president and CEO Joyce Q. Rogers.

- Visit to Houston, Mississippi, and Louisiana by IBE's president.

IBE's statewide chapters are also a part of this effort to support evacuees to the state of Indiana.

The Elkhart Chapter in partnership with the City of Elkhart has identified over 120 housing units that are being held for relocated families, in addition to other relief efforts.

For more information on IBE's role in providing support to the families devastated by Hurricane Katrina, log onto www.indianablackexpo.com or call (317) 925-2702.

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Indiana Black Expo Inc. is a year-round, multifaceted community service organization with 11 chapters around Indiana. IBE is known for its two major fund-raisers, Summer Celebration and Circle City Classic. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit is governed by a board of directors comprised of individuals and community leaders from around the state and employs a full time staff. The mission is to be an effective voice and vehicle for the social and economic advancement of African Americans.



Roman J. Casel Sr. puts the finishing touch on this Chevy Impala's custom paint job. (Photos/J.Hurst)

If you would like to be featured in The Recorder's Black Business Profile, call (317) 924-5143.



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## VIDEO GAME

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production and with licensing fees from publishers.

"Whether consumers think a product is expensive or cheap all depends on the balance between its appeal and price," said Ken Kutaragi, Sony Computer Entertainment president. "Our ideal for the (PS3) is for consumers to think to themselves, 'OK, I'll work more hours and buy it.' We want people to feel that they want it no matter what."

To compete with Xbox 360 and PS3, Nintendo Revolution announced that its console will be compatible with Nintendo's four previous consoles.

The two-handed controller will be a distant memory. Instead, the Revolution controller resembles a television remote control. The wireless unit will translate your wrist and hand movements into onscreen actions.

"For the first time, a controller will allow

you movement in every direction," said Reggie Fils-Aime, executive vice president of sales and marketing for Nintendo of America. "Obviously left and right, but you can also move in and out, pitch and yaw."

Nintendo has not released a price on its new console, but it will only be as thick as three stacked CD cases. It will be backward compatible with GameCube games and owners will be able to download as well as play nearly every game Nintendo has ever created.

But, is it worth it?

"It depends on the consumer if they want to purchase a new console every time one comes out," Ofarrell said. "It's like buying a new car. If you're a hardcore gamer or someone who enjoys gaming a lot than you're likely to purchase it."

## SBC Indiana creates new position to focus on consumer services

**Vice president and general manager to oversee relationship between SBC and residential customers**

**Special to the Recorder**

This week SBC Communications Inc. announced the formation of a new, local team. Led by Hardmon Williams III, the team will focus on continuing to enhance the service experience for residential customers across SBC Indiana's service territory.

In addition, this new group will strive to extend SBC's leadership in the areas of customer service, marketing, and sales while ensuring that Hoosiers receive all of the benefits that come from having one of the world's largest and most advanced communications companies as their service provider.

As the new SBC vice president and general manager of the Indiana market, Williams will be responsible for overall customer service quality and satisfaction in the state. He will also oversee local SBC retail sales and marketing efforts, including promotions customized to address the needs of SBC Indiana residential customers.

"As a native Hoosier, I am excited to be back in Indianapolis and in a position that can have an immediate and lasting impact on how SBC Indiana provides service to all of its residential customers across the state," said Williams. "Our local market team is ready to dig in and provide the kind of tailored product and service

offerings our customers want to ensure that they have a communications company that meets their individual needs."

George S. Fleetwood, president SBC Indiana, says he is pleased to have Williams join the SBC Indiana leadership team.

"Hoosiers have so many choices today when it comes to how they communicate," said Fleetwood. "Our new residential consumer services team will really help differentiate SBC from other providers. In doing so, we will showcase our ability to provide world-class customer service and highlight how innovative products and services can help us all stay connected while improving our quality of life."

Williams will work closely with Fleetwood to ensure that local sales and marketing efforts complement such ongoing community initiatives as sponsorships, grants and employee volunteerism.

"We plan to make SBC the first choice for Hoosiers," said Williams. "We already have excellent wireline, wireless, broadband and entertainment options. And our future deployment of next-generation video services will provide consumers even more."

A 13-year veteran of the company, Williams most recently served as assistant vice president responsible for partnerships and alliances. In that role, he was responsible for managing SBC's business development efforts with IT firms, such as Cisco, IBM, HP and Deloitte. SBC's relationship with com-

mercial portfolio partners yields more than \$1 billion annually in revenue.

Williams has also worked in a variety of sales, marketing and operational positions with SBC. The majority of his tenure has been in sales, where he spent much of his time leading new sales channels for the company. Williams also previously served as chief of staff to the president of sales for SBC-Midwest.

Williams earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Indiana University. He also holds a master of business administration degree in technology and management from the Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University. He, his wife and their son reside in Indianapolis.

Indiana residents wishing to contact Hardmon Williams are encouraged to call (317) 265-0352 (in Indianapolis) or 1-800-716-2875 (for calls outside Indianapolis). He can also be reached via e-mail at Indiana.Williams@sbc.com.

SBC companies offer a range of communications services for residential customers, including local and long distance voice, SBC Yahoo! DSL, SBC Dish Network and SBC FreedomLink Wi-Fi service at several locations across Indiana.

More than 5,100 SBC employees work in Indiana. Last year, they joined thousands of SBC Indiana retirees to volunteer nearly 74,000 hours of community service, representing more than \$1.2 million in sweat equity.



Frederick Gregory

## 1st African-American shuttle commander resigns as NASA's deputy

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The first African-American shuttle commander for the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration said he was resigning as the agency's deputy administrator after a 31-year career.

"I've had an exciting career in NASA, but it is now time to step down so that someone younger and highly motivated can have the same experience," Frederick Gregory, 64, wrote in his resignation letter to President Bush.

The former astronaut said he will remain on the job until the Senate confirms his successor. He will probably stay at the agency even a little longer in some capacity, a NASA spokesman said.

Gregory was nominated in 2002 and became the first African American in the No. 2 job at NASA. Earlier this year, he filled in as acting administrator following the resignation of Sean O'Keefe and before the appointment of Michael Griffin.

Gregory began working at the space agency in 1974 as a research pilot. He was among the first class of shuttle astronauts chosen in 1978 and flew in space three times.

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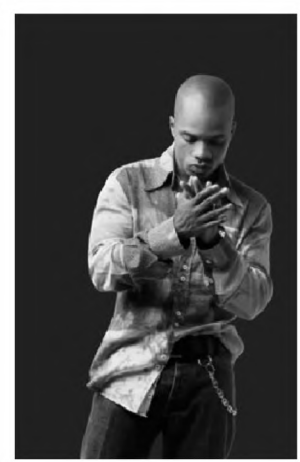
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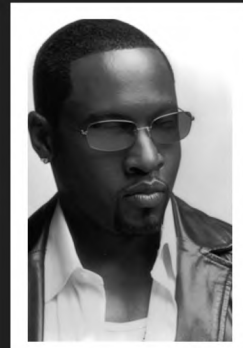
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# COLTS

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Simon is continuing to fit right into the Colts unit up front, while providing winning intangibles that have infected the entire defense.

Ironically, at this early point in the season, the defense is on the other side of the coin with regards to the team's progress. Since shortly after the Peyton Manning era began, the defense has taken the brunt of criticism, locally and nationally, for the Colts lack of playoff success.

For those that have endured that criticism, being considered the second of a two-headed monster is something they can get used to.

"That's what we want, that's going to be our M.O.," said Tripplett. "We want to get after the passer, get after the quarterback and we keep playing like this, there not going to be too many losses."

Should their defense continue to stifle opposing offenses as the season continues, Colts fans will be in for something very seldom seen with this squad.

Few expect their offense to continue to struggle much longer; this is, after all, the same group that shattered the record books only last year, and is still led by the reigning NFL MVP.

Several opportunities for continued improvement lie in the Colts immediate future. Only one of their next five games are against

teams that reached the playoffs last year, and their bye week comes immediately before what appears on paper to be their most critical match-up of the season, against the New England Patriots in Foxboro on Monday night, Nov. 7.

The Cleveland Browns will come knocking to the RCA Dome next week, giving the Colts their first glimpse of former Patriots defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel's new team. Crennel broke into the win column last week as the Browns bested the struggling Green Bay Packers at Lambeau Field.

While Browns rookie receiver Braylon Edwards appears to be the real deal, there really is no comparison when contrasting offenses. However, given their current funk, the timing for an offensive breakout could not be better.

What is most unusual, and most notable, is the fact that right now, the Colts offense can struggle to find itself at this early point in the season. Their defense, apparently, is already there.

"The sky's the limit," said Simon. "When you have a young defense of guys that just want to fly around and really want to make things happen, you can't put a cap on these guys. As long as we continue to stay focused, stay humble and stay grounded in our approach, the sky's the limit."



Colts running back Edgerrin James rushed for 128 yards and caught four balls for 39 yards. (Photo/W. Thomas)

# Record 7 million high schoolers participate in sports

**Associated Press**

California and New York continued cutting into Texas' huge lead and Michigan moved ahead of Illinois and Ohio in the number of high school students participating in sports.

Total student participation for all 50 states and the District of Columbia, meanwhile, rose 1.6 percent from 2003-04 to a record 7 million in 2004-05, according to an annual survey by the National Federation of State High School Associations. It was the 16th straight year the NFHS reported an increase in the number of high school athletes.

"The fact the numbers continue to rise confirm to us the interest in school-based athletic programs is still there," NFHS spokesman Bruce Howard said. "Certainly, there are some emerging sports that help that, such as bowling and lacrosse, in certain parts of the country. A lot of the routine major sports continue to be pretty steady year to year."

Football again had the most participants and the largest increase among all boys' sports. Basketball remained the leading sport for girls, but track and field showed the biggest gain. In terms of percentage increases, bowling and lacrosse had the biggest gains for both boys and girls.

Another emerging sport, mainly in California, Maine and Vermont, is snowboarding.

Texas, with 740,052 participants, is still the national leader but has dropped more than 39,000 since 2000-01, including almost 15,000 in just the past year, according to the NFHS figures. California remains second, with an increase of almost 26,000 to 678,019, and New York is still third at 350,349, an increase of almost 14,000.

Michigan's increase from 302,648 to 311,814 moved it from sixth to fourth. Illinois fell to fifth, Ohio dropped to sixth and Pennsylvania remained seventh. The only other position change among the top 10 states was by Minnesota, which moved ahead of New Jersey into eighth. Florida again was 10th.

Total participation for boys was 4.1 million, including just over 1 million in football and about 545,000 in basketball. The total for girls was a record 2.9 million, including some 456,000 in basketball and about 428,000 in outdoor track and field.

The Indianapolis-based NFHS represents about 18,000 U.S. high schools and some 13 million students. The participation survey is based on figures supplied by each member state association.

## High school football schedule

**Sept. 23**  
All games played at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.  
Home teams are listed first.

Arlington (1-4) vs. Washington (0-5)  
Ben Davis (4-1) vs. North Central (4-1)  
Brebeuf Jesuit (4-1) vs. North Judson (3-2), Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m.  
Broad Ripple (1-4) vs. Northwest (4-1)  
Carmel (3-2) vs. Warren Central (5-0) at RCA Dome 9 p.m.  
Cathedral (4-1) vs. Roncalli (4-1) at RCA Dome at 6:15 p.m.  
Chatard (4-1) vs. Whiteland (2-3) at Howe  
Lawrence Central (2-3) vs. Perry Meridian (1-4)  
Lawrence North (4-1) vs. Terre Haute North (2-3)  
Manual (0-5) vs. Scenic (2-3)  
Park Tudor (4-1) vs. Ritter (2-3)  
Pike (2-3) vs. Franklin Central (3-2)  
Southport (0-5) vs. Decatur Central (4-1)  
Tech (2-3) vs. Howe (2-3)

## FOOTBALL

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her returns when she does the hitting.

"When you hit someone and you lay them out, it gives you this ultimate rush. It makes you want to hop back up and hit somebody else," she said. "It's like a roller coaster ride when you go down real fast and for that split second when you don't know what's going to happen - that's how I feel when I play football."

In love with the contact of football, Benjamin is head over heels with wrestling.

Ask her why and her grin stretches even wider.

"I love wrestling," she says. "I'm good at football, but I'm great at wrestling."

In reality, a future in football for a girl is highly unlikely.

Benjamin though isn't worried, she's a straight A student.

"I could quit playing sports right now and still have a full ride because school is very important to me," she said.

## GAME POINT

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in their behavior.

Have an open relationship.

Know the people that interact with your children.

Coles said he kept his secret because he thought he was the only one who had been sexually abused.

Thousands of young boys - and girls - feel the same way.

Thanks to Coles and his divulgence now they know they aren't.

"I think with age comes maturity, and I think now that I'm a little older, I think I can deal with it a little better and I just want to help kids because I think it happens to more people in this world than we actually allow ourselves to believe," he said.



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# COLTS TOP JAGS WITH STIFLING D



Colts defensive tackle Montae Reagor prevents Jaguars running back Fred Taylor from gaining extra yardage.



Linebacker Gary Brackett receives instruction from Colts defensive coordinator Ron Meeks.

By **BARATO BRITT**  
Recorder Correspondent

Two weeks out of a 16-week schedule seldom tell the full story of a given team's season.

But after their first two games, the most recent a 10-3 home opening victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars, the Indianapolis Colts are rapidly establishing themselves as the team to beat in the National Football League.

During Sunday's low scoring affair, the Colts offense, appearing out of sync throughout, patiently picked the few scoring opportunities they could muster against a very game Jags defense.

For the second consecutive week however, the victory was highlighted by a Colts defense unit that is emerging as one of the league's stingiest.

Anchored by their front line, the Colts defense controlled Jacksonville's talented offensive unit the entire game, pounded Jags QB Byron Leftwich into the ground early and often.

The defense set a tone from the game's opening kickoff, and maintained its collective tenacity until safety Bob Sanders' final pass deflection that sealed the deal.

Now, back in familiar territory atop the AFC South division, and with an immediate schedule that includes several NFL bottom feeders, the Colts are sitting a very comfortable 2-0.

"This was an important game in the AFC South," said quarterback Peyton Manning. "There was a lot of emphasis on this game and it was our first game at home. It felt good to get the win."



Reagor and defensive back Mike Doss (right) tackle Taylor. Reagor and Doss combined for 14 tackles during the Colts 10-3 victory over Jacksonville. (Photos/W. Thomas)

Still there is little satisfaction in Colts camp, rather confidence in what they have accomplished thus far and focus on their upcoming opponent.

While it is still too early to tell how they will fare in the coming weeks, the defense's seemingly night and day turnaround has dominated the headlines and overshadowed the fact that the Colts offense has yet to click this season.

The Colts off-season draft and free agent acquisitions, in addition to the added time of veterans in head coach Tony Dungy's defensive scheme, have propelled the Colts into consideration among the league's elite.

Against both the run, but particularly the pass rush, the Colts look downright dominant.

In these past two weeks, Colts defensive end Dwight Freeney has made perennial pro-bowler Jonathan Ogden look bad, and almost took the aforementioned Leftwich's leg off in the second half of Sunday's matchup.

Arguably the best defensive end in the game today, Freeney's opportunities have been heightened by continued progress made by defensive tackles Montae Reagor and Larry Tripplett, and Raheem Brock on the opposite end. Reagor, seeing his first time of the regular season, posted three sacks to lead the Colts unit.

"We're continuing to play better," said Freeney. "It's like I always said, the more years in the scheme, the more times we play together the better we're going to get."

There is also, of course, the new guy. Tackle Corey

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## GAME POINT



## Opening old wounds

By **ERICKA P. THOMPSON**  
Staff Writer

Divulgence. It can ruin relationships, lives and careers. It can make people question your manhood, or womanhood.

But revealing a secret that has molded you into the person you've become can also save lives. Lives of people you know and people you will never know.

Laveranues Coles, Pro Bowl wide receiver for the New York Jets, recently revealed in a New York Times article a secret that had caused him nightmares for years.

To free his mind, his heart, his soul, Coles opened up that he had been sexually abused by his stepfather from ages 10-13 while growing up in Jacksonville, Fla.

"I haven't talked about it in...forever, but I know that holding something like that inside has been a burden for so long," he said. "If it gets one kid to come out and say, 'Look, this is happening to me,'...I think it's right."

For a man, a Black man in a position of power and influence to share a secret that could cause whispers, question sexual behaviors, jokes or misunderstandings is monumental. It opens up conversation between mother and child, father and child, grandparent and grandchild or sibling and sibling.

It allows an adult to say, "This is what happened to Laveranues Coles, has it ever happened to you?" or "If it does happen to you do not be afraid to tell me."

Coles was only in the sixth grade when the abuse started, but like most kids he didn't tell anyone.

Two years later after his behavior became unbearable he was in a fight that probed police to question his lashing out. It was then that he revealed what had been happening to him.

"It still bothers you," Coles said in the Times article. "I mean, there's certain things that you really don't want to deal with, you don't want to remember. But I had my peace with it. It's something that's not happening anymore. I used to wake up in the middle of the night and think about it, but now I'm fine."

It takes courage to open up wounds to the world. I applaud Coles' courage.

I also applaud his mother, Sirretta who divorced her husband when the abuse was revealed and sought immediate counseling for her son.

One in eight boys will be sexually abused before they turn 18.

The only way to reverse this trend is acknowledgment and education.

Listen to your child. Pay attention to changes

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## Young lady hits hard on football field

By **ERICKA P. THOMPSON**  
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When Jade Benjamin tells the story of the first time she got the wind knocked out of her on the football field her smile is a mile wide.

"I was hit by this guy named Fred who was an eighth grader when I was in the seventh grade," she says. "He laid me out and I hopped back up and I didn't know where I was. It felt so good, the best feeling I've ever had."

A freshman at North Central High School, Benjamin is the only female on the school's freshman football team.

Head coach Matt Rund has never coached a girl before even though high school football is a no cut sport.

"Everybody is invited to come out and play," he said. "Jade made every workout this summer and she worked really hard. She proved that she wanted to play."

Standing barely 5 foot 1 inch, Benjamin has also proved to the guys on the team that she deserves to be there.

When asked what it's like to play football with Benjamin their answers vary.

"She works just as hard as all of us," one said.

"I taught her everything she knows so she has to be good," another player said.

"She hustles," one player said with coolness.

"If we could put Jade's heart in all of the players we'd have a pretty good football team,"

Rund said. "She works really hard. She doesn't get as much playing time as she'd like but she's always working. She's very strong."

Benjamin has an identical twin sister, Erica who plays sports as well. But it was her older brother Joshua that made her fall in love with football.

"I've always wanted to do things like my brother because he's my idol," Benjamin said. "I always wanted to be as strong and as cool as he was."

Benjamin has been playing football since she was a seventh grader at Northview Middle School.

A cornerback for North Central, she tackles on kick returns. And the same rush she feels when someone hits



Jade Benjamin (center) surrounded by her teammates on the North Central freshman football team. (Photo/E. Thompson)

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